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## March break rocks

Terri and Rick performed for a crowd of screaming (in a good way) child fans at Dysart library Thursday. See March break fun photos on page 22.

## Mike Jaycock named Highlander of the Year

**JENN WATT**

*Editor*

Mike Jaycock owned the stage as host of this year's Business and Community

Achievement Awards Gala Saturday at the Pinestone Resort.

His energy and humour carried the three-hour ceremony from start to finish, with no

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## White nose syndrome found in local bats

**JENN WATT**

*Editor*

Ontario's first case of white nose syndrome in bats was discovered by the Ministry of Natural Resources in an

abandoned mine site in the Minden/Bancroft area.

The syndrome, which is fatal to bats, has only been known to researchers for four years and only found in the United States, until now.

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## DOGSLED RACE

# DeBruin forced out of Iditarod

**TERRANCE GAVAN**

*Staff reporter*

The news came via Facebook and then through a bleak and heart-rending story posted to Twitter and the web by the *Alaska Dispatch*.

Hank DeBruin, Haliburton's own everyman, was well on his way to completing Alaska's fabled Iditarod Sled Dog race as the fastest red lantern (the Iditarod's euphemism for the last placed sled) team ever to complete the race.

It wasn't to be.

Last week, as DeBruin (who along with his wife Tanya McCready-DeBruin run Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton) was preparing to leave the checkpoint in Nulato on his way to Kaltag, he was called to an office to answer a phone call from the event organizers.

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A photograph showing a living room interior. A blue sofa is positioned next to a white wicker chair with striped pillows. A small wooden side table with a candle and a bowl of fruit sits between them. In the background, there's a glass-enclosed shower area with a tiled wall. The text "Interior Design &amp; Consultation Service Available" is overlaid at the bottom of the image. Logos for "TORLYS smart floors", "olympiatile", and "Schluter Systems" are also present at the bottom.

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## BARRY DEVOLIN

# Eye surgery a success

Local MP Barry Devolin got some great news March 17 at Ottawa General Hospital when he learned that laser surgery was a complete success.

Dr. Leonard reported that the left retina was fully reattached, no scar tissue had formed, and chances for complete recovery of sight within six months were very good.

Devolin will continue to experience blurry and obstructed vision for several weeks, but improvement should progress incrementally.

"My family and I are happy to know I should make a full recovery," said Devolin. "I want to thank the doctors and staff at the Ottawa Eye Institute for their great work, as well as those who sent me encouragement and prayers. All were greatly appreciated."

Devolin closed by saying that "maybe it was the luck of the Irish to get this kind of good news on St. Patrick's Day!"

Devolin will return to his full duties in Ottawa and around the riding immediately.

Submitted by the office of Barry Devolin

## WINTER FOLK CAMP Thank You

The Haliburton County Folk Society would like to extend a sincere thanks to our generous sponsors who assisted us in hosting another wonderfully successful Winter Folk Camp at YMCA Camp Wanakita, March 5-8, 2010. This support helps us to deliver a high quality program and we are very grateful.

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## FIRE

### Irondale store burns down

Fire destroyed the Irondale Country Store on March 19. Firefighters from Minden Hills, along with members of the departments from Kinmount and Burnt River, OPP and EMS crews were called to the County Road 503 blaze at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Most of the building's roof was destroyed by 3 p.m.

No one was injured.

Pump trucks from the three departments were still busy bringing in water at 4 p.m.

Officials on the scene Friday were unsure of the cause of the fire at that time.

- Chad Ingram

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## COMMUNITY SAFETY

# OPP hold forum

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment along with the municipality of Highlands East will be hosting a Community Mobilization Forum on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. The forum will take place at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

The forum will focus on current drug and break and enter trends in the eastern portion of Haliburton County. Members of the public are invited to attend this free forum.

Officers from the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau-Drug Enforcement section, the OPP Rural Agricultural Crime Team (RACT) and Crime Stoppers will be presenting at the forum.

This is a great opportunity for members of the public to learn about local drug and break and enter trends, learn how they affect you and your family and what you can do to assist the police in keeping your community safer.

## FRESHET

# Stay away from dams, riverbanks, says TSW

The superintendent of the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada advises that Parks Canada staff are making changes to water control structures across the waterway corridor and in the Haliburton area in preparation for the annual spring freshet.

During the freshet period, the public can expect higher than normal water levels and increased river flows at some locations. Fast, cold water above and below dams and in river reaches is extremely dangerous. The public is urged to stay away from waterway dams and to avoid areas near riverbanks. In addition, ice packs that were made fast to the shoreline over the winter months are rapidly thinning and breaking away from the shore in the fast river currents.

Parks Canada will work closely with local Conservation Authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources to communicate risk levels and safety information to residents in order to ensure public safety.

Further advisories will be issued if necessary.

The Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada is a major economic driver in Ontario. Parks Canada monitors and manages water levels in the watershed throughout the year to accommodate wildlife habitat, mitigate flooding, and provide for navigation of this nationally significant waterway.

## Easter Search Contest



Look inside this week's Weekender

Have the kids do the Easter search and bring it to Todd's Independent by 9 a.m. on April 3, to WIN a prize.

## LEARNING

# School's Cool goes global

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Turns out that school's never out. We may think that the curriculum is over when we grab that diploma, but truth is we continue to learn every day on this lifelong trudge.

And so it goes with Gena Robertson, dynamo and founder of SIRCH (So It Really Can Happen) here in Haliburton.

SIRCH, begun in 1989, has delivered more than 20 programs and services to Haliburton County. A not-for-profit agency, it has conducted consultations across Ontario, trained thousands of people and created dozens of manuals, kits, games and other innovative program resources.

One of those innovative programs, called School's Cool, is preparing to embark on a very exciting chapter. Where it's going is anyone's guess. But the smiles on the faces of three of the principals behind School's Cool at SIRCH headquarters last Thursday provides some insight into the optimism surrounding the bold move to bring the pre-school program to the world stage.

The three women, Robertson, Chris Lynd and Rosemarie Jung are sitting around a conference table in the back of the SIRCH building on County Road 21. They are taking some time from their busy afternoon to chat about School's Cool, where it's going and what it could mean for the area.

First things first, smiles Robertson. School's Cool may be moving into the mainstream, but it has no intention of rotating away from its roots here in Haliburton. "We're staying here," says Robertson, emphatically. Any job creation for the new enterprise will be based largely in Haliburton, and the brand, training and core unit will stay put.

Robertson, the executive director of SIRCH Community Services, even has a new job title: president and CEO of School's Cool. Comes with the territory. School's Cool is incorporated. It's entered into a business partnership with FlagHouse, a marketing firm based in New Jersey with interests in education and learning.

The new CEO has been the target of some pretty intense scrutiny of late. School's Cool has been featured in the *National Post* and the *Exchange*.

Turns out this is pretty big news, both nationally and

internationally.

"Robertson just signed a deal with a major U.S. educational distributor [FlagHouse] to carry her product across North America," writes *National Post* business reporter Rick Spence. "Within three years, she expects sales to hit \$750,000, and is negotiating with potential distributors in Australia and elsewhere."

Understand that Robertson didn't get here without help. She was looking for ways to grow the product and was running into brick walls. With little money and no business plan, Robertson followed the dictates of the School's Cool curriculum. She went to school. She asked for assistance.

Robertson contacted the Innovation Synergy Centre, a business advisory centre in Markham. By lucky chance she encountered facilitator Reza Alavie, a Seneca College advertising instructor, and Robertson credits Alavie for helping her create the business plan and initiatives necessary to present School's Cool to investors.

Robertson allows that putting together a business plan was difficult for a former social worker with a long history of working in the not-for-profit milieu.

But Alavie coaxed her to liaise with Jim Stewart of Toronto-based ProfitPath, who honed her presentation skills. Robertson is apparently a quick learner. As Spence reports in the *Post*, Robertson only had to deliver the spiel twice. Once in a practice, and once to the investors.

FlagHouse was setting up an early childhood division. Timing is everything and School's Cool dovetailed nicely with their new initiative. FlagHouse has just rolled out a new magazine for pre-school aged kids called Flying Start and by golly, open it up and there's a picture of Haliburton's Gena Robertson on page two, commingled with a two-page (pages 2 and 3) spread advertising School's Cool.

The page three blurb sums up succinctly where this program began, and more importantly, where it's going. "School's Cool is a nationally renowned 72-hour school readiness program for 3 to 5 year olds," says the Flying Start advertorial. "Using developmentally appropriate curriculum that is both play-based and outcome focused, School's Cool helps promote children's excitement for learning and builds their skills and confidence as they prepare for school entry."

And for Robertson, Lynd and Jung, this is churning into a remarkable opportunity. Lynd is one of the course facilitators and she's already given numerous workshops



What's cool? How about school? Just ask Chris Lynd, left, Rosemarie Jung and Gena Robertson, three savvy dynamos from SIRCH who are expanding and branding their Haliburton-based School's Cool program.

/Photo by Terrance Gavan

and training seminars. The business plan stresses the importance of keeping the School's Cool curriculum true to its roots. "We train whoever the instructors would be that deliver the program and Chris does that directly," says Robertson. "We also have online training." The training is based on a three-day seminar.

"Chris has mentored half a dozen master trainers, that will work with her or on their own," adds Jung. "We've had trainings around the province, and outside the province, like Manitoba, British Columbia, the east coast and the Yukon," says Lynd.

"Chris is just looking for the day when we can get something in Hawaii," laughs Robertson. "And we hope that that number of training sessions will increase significantly."

It's not hard to see what drew investors to Robertson. Engaging, charming and possessed of a natural optimism and vigorous personality, she's a natural pitch person.

They're moving forward right now with FlagHouse, who are responsible for their North American marketing and sales of the School's Cool backpacks and kits.

The prospects are bright, and possibilities apparently endless for this Haliburton-inspired School's Cool project.

## Soldiers give thanks for Haliburton care packages

Kim Stamp received this letter from Commander R.P. Briggs of the Canadian Forces back in December, thanking her for the care packages sent from Haliburton to the troops in Afghanistan.

Dear Kim and Derrell [Stamp],

The purpose of this letter is to recognize the effort and express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to you both for the exceptional support you have provided to not just our team, but previous Rotos who have benefited from your generosity and support in the past. The hard work and dedication which you and others have demonstrated is truly inspiring and will not go unnoticed.

The packages have been passed on to grateful members of the health services unit that will not be at home during the holidays. Your generosity is very much appreciated by our unit as a whole. This contribution will make a difference to many soldiers.

On behalf of the Canadian Forces Health Services Unit, I'd like to express my gratitude and appreciation for your generous gifts. Please accept this Commanding Officer's Health Services Unit coin as a small token of our collective appreciation for all your hard work and dedication.

RP Briggs  
Cdr  
CO TF 3-09 HSU, TF Surgeon



Commander R.P. Briggs sent this Commanding Officer's Health Services Unit coin as a token of thanks for the care packages sent to troops in Afghanistan by the people of Haliburton.

## HALIBURTON ART

# Wild weavers take work to T.O. show

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Haliburton has long been home to many deer, moose, beavers and an array of many other beautiful animals. Now, thanks to a pair of creative individuals, Haliburton is also home to a pair of wild elephants.

Dar Bolahood and Charly Sylge together form the Wild Haliburton Elephant Weavers (WHEW), a partnership dedicated to creating a variety of unique mohair throws. The weavers will soon be taking their blankets to the One-of-a-Kind spring show in Toronto, to be exhibited at the end of this month.

The wild elephants, or in this case Bolahood and Sylge, came up with the creative name for their joint venture after a few beers and a humorous take on Haliburton's vibrant wildlife.

"I have always loved elephants," admits Bolahood, "and we thought it would be cute. Some people have politely inquired about the fact that they didn't know there were wild elephants in Haliburton. It's too funny!"

Although lacking in Haliburton County, wild elephants can be found in South Africa and South America, among other places. However the mohair throws that are produced by WHEW are made in Canada.

"Our throws are made of premium mohair wool, which is a long silky

fibre produced by Angora goats," explains Bolahood. "The wool is produced throughout the world including South Africa, New Zealand and even in the east coast of Canada. Mohair wool is warmer and not as itchy as other wools, and is very durable and lightweight, which makes it great for packing or a gift."

The passion for weaving expressed across the faces of Bolahood and Sylge didn't manifested overnight. Bolahood, who has a master's degree in fine arts, apprenticed with a master weaver while attending university.

"I have a background in textile and fibre arts," says Bolahood. "I also have multiple personality disorder, which Charly can attest to. I always have so many projects on the go."

A painter, material artist and professor at Fleming College, Bolahood left the world of weaving behind and didn't return for about 25 years. Now Sylge has helped her pick up where she left off. With a background in graphics, interior design and fine carpentry, Sylge took up weaving with an immediate knack for precision and finesse.

"I taught Charly how to weave," says Bolahood, "and now he's able to weave about three blankets a week."

The studio that the pair works out of is situated in Haliburton and has two looms firmly nestled alongside two large windows overlooking a scenic creek. A perfect backdrop for a creative setting.

"As I sit here and weave I see many



Charly Sylge and Dar Bolahood, who together form the company Wild Haliburton Elephant Weavers (WHEW), will be exhibiting their unique mohair throw blankets at the One-of-a-Kind spring show in Toronto. The show will take place at the Exhibition Place from March 31-April 4.

animals go by," says Sylge, "including a number of moose."

The blankets that are created are all one-of-a-kind throws with the colours dyed and selected by the pair themselves.

"Our blankets each have a purpose," says Sylge. "Every throw is different. Each one is given its own title, which is written on the tag."

Currently the blankets can be found in eight different stores, including two in Haliburton and a few in Toronto, including the prestigious Yorkville shopping district, a location the pair admits does well.

"People can custom order blankets to coordinate with their design scheme," says Bolahood, "which has been done before and we've never had a complaint about the colours. Customers are just thrilled with the results."

Exhibiting at the One-of-a-Kind show is a first for the pair, who have showcased their work in both Minden and Haliburton before. The show has requested the pair produce 75 blankets to be on display in their booth.

"Seventy-five is a lot of blankets for us," says Sylge in an almost exasperated tone. "By the time the wool is dyed and woven into a blanket, it then needs to be brushed and glazed before final touches, such as putting our label on, are done. It's a lengthy process."

While the pair prepare for the show, Sylge admits he doesn't want the job of weaving to become too stressful as it hampers the passion for the craft.

"I don't want to feel like a production line," he says. "Our name is WHEW and that's exactly what I say every time I finish a blanket."

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■ DOG TALE

## Fiona and her nine pups wagging at Winterdance

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

If you're a sucker for a good dog story, this one will definitely turn your crank.

On Saturday, March 6, an ordinary day in the life of Winterdance Dogsled Tours' guide Leah Blenkinsop, turned into a birthday she'll never forget.

No, she wasn't celebrating a milestone, but she might have the date penciled onto her calendar from now on.

She and the other sled dog guides had returned from a long day of mushing and found a new born pup.

"We had just come back from the trail and one of the guides went into the kennels and came out shouting, 'we have a puppy!'" smiles Blenkinsop, remembering a day and a night that she won't soon forget.

Fiona, one of Winterdance's beautiful Siberian huskies was in labour. Early X-rays had indicated that she had at least eight pups, so Blenkinsop knew she was in for a long evening.

Turns out that the thrill of that first puppy was followed by some harrowing and rather tumultuous times as the Winterdance crew did their best to assist Fiona.

"The first puppy was still wet, so it was probably born just a few minutes before we got there," says Blenkinsop. "The next one came at eight o'clock, through natural birth as well, and then I guess at around 11 [p.m.] I gave our vet Dr. Laurie Brown a call just to let her know how things were going, because they're usually supposed to come one every hour and she was delivering every two hours. She was having contractions but nothing really looked like it was on the move."

Tanya McCready-DeBruin (who with

her husband Hank DeBruin own Winterdance Dog Sled Tours), was finally called into the mix. She was away with the couple's four kids in Alaska to support Hank in his Iditarod quest. Tanya was also on the phone with Brown.

The vet then decided to come out to the kennel to survey the situation. She arrived and gave Fiona a shot of oxytocin, which is a replacement drug that's supposed to speed things along during labour.

They waited it out for a little while before finally deciding to bring Fiona and the two pups to the vet's. When they realized they would be up for a while, Brown made a call to one of her technicians and they packed up Fiona in the truck for the trip to the surgery.

It turned into a very extraordinary ride, says Blenkinsop.

"On route around the intersection of Harburn and [Highway] 118 she decided to have another pup, and there I am driving down the road, giving the puppy the rub with Fiona looking on," says Blenkinsop, still smiling as she recalls the rather nerve-wracking journey to the vets.

"Probably about five minutes after we arrived another puppy came," says Blenkinsop. "And then 10 minutes after that another one came."

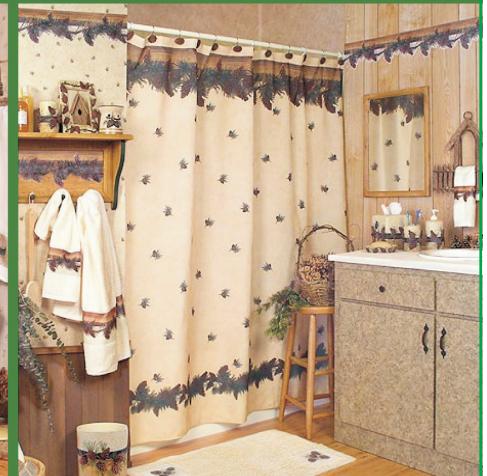
"And then she really calmed down and started nursing, and it looked like she was going to have a nap. The original X-ray told us that there were more puppies inside, so [Brown] did another X-ray just to confirm, and then gave her another shot of oxytocin ... and nothing happened so around three in the morning they started the Caesarean section and brought the other four out."

"Fiona is a great mom," says Blenkinsop.

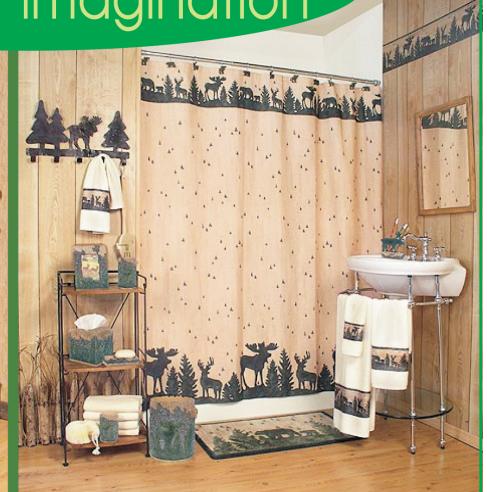
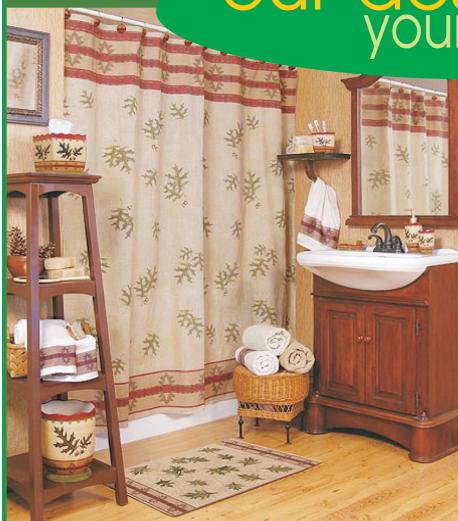
She's a great mom, but all hell broke loose when Fiona encountered labour pains during the delivery of her nine pups. Winterdance Dogsled Tours guide and handler Leah Blenkinsop tells a compelling and heart-rending story about a night she'll not soon forget. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

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# Ultimate community celebration

THERE IS SOMETHING deeply nourishing about community events such as the Chamber of Commerce awards gala Saturday night.

No matter where you look, there is a smiling face, someone you know, and since it was an awards banquet, the people you know are also great leaders of the Highlands.

And by leaders, I mean those who really make it their interest to improve the lives of their neighbours.

Every nominee for Highlander of the Year was a tireless volunteer, the warden's award winners (volunteers at the 4Cs) never cease to inspire with their caring and unwavering dedication to the poor, and all of the not-for-profits nominated truly deserved a prize for their work.

But leaders are also found in the business community.

As the names of the business nominees were called out, and the owners stood up from their dining tables, all I could think about was the crucial role so many of these people play in the community.

Most of those nominated also were active community members who run charity events, donate money to hundreds of causes and step up to help out when they can.

Bringing all of those people and their energy together in one room to thank them for their good work is a great feeling.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for honouring the best among us.

## DeBruin makes us proud

It must be soul-crushing to be forced out of a race like the Iditarod so close to finishing after so much training and straining and sweating and persevering.

Last week, Hank DeBruin was told he must leave the race he had been preparing so long for – that he had dedicated so much to because he was, according to an official, going to slowly.

"I'm mad as hell," DeBruin told a newspaper in Alaska about the decision.

And so he should be.

Because DeBruin didn't give up, he didn't get lost or injured, he wasn't too tired, he didn't lose faith.

Yes, he was in last place, but he was also on his own schedule, running the speed he planned to set.

So DeBruin has every reason to be mad about that decision, but after that anger cools a bit, he should also see all of the proud faces around the Highlands who have been cheering him on, even when he was forced out.

DeBruin and his team accomplished an amazing thing just by qualifying for the Iditarod. They've done Haliburton proud.



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## editorial



Mmmm, chocolate

Photo by Angelica Blenich

## Manly? Yes ...

IKE THOUSANDS of other outdoorsmen, I spent almost all of Saturday inside the crowded halls of the Toronto Sportsman's Show. Oddly enough, it didn't seem ironic at the time.

In fact, the show definitely had its moments.

Perhaps the best was when my best buddy Tom and I stopped by the Winchester Ammunition booth. There – in a masterstroke of marketing – a beautiful young woman sat behind the counter, making the three-inch goose loads almost pale by comparison.

As we stepped forward, it was apparent that one young man was trying to woo her with those tried and true pick up lines.

Between you and me, I thought I was about to witness a moment similar to that famous last scene in the movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*. I mean, heck, what gorgeous young woman doesn't want to be told about ballistic co-efficients, sectional densities and short- and long-range trajectories?

And yet she somehow resisted.

It happened so unexpectedly too. Right after he had dug deep into his very core and revealed to her and the growing crowd that his favourite varmint calibre was the .22-250, she broke the unseemly news.

"Actually, I don't know a thing about guns or bullets," she confessed. "I'm just watching this booth till my father gets back."

I'm not sure, but I think I heard his heart break.

"Go home to your .22-250 son," I said, as I patted

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him on the back. "At least she understands you."

He left. Out of respect for him, my buddy Tom and I, as well as several other hunters, reached for a few pamphlets and tried to act as if that whole scene never happened.

"I'm actually a cosmetician," she said, to no one in particular.

Everyone there smiled uneasily.

"Any suggestions to highlight my cheekbones?" Tom joked to break the awkwardness of the moment.

She giggled and prescribed a bit of blush.

"How about me?" I asked. "I'm wondering what we can do for my eyes?"

She then said something that I'll carry with me to my grave and beyond.

"No makeup for you. You're far too masculine."

At that, I gritted my teeth and squinted in that manly way that I share with Clint Eastwood. Meanwhile Tom shook his head and muttered

something unprintable.

Though I've never fully grasped the workings of the feminine mind, even I could see that this development was bothering my pal.

Without saying a word, we walked to the Browning booth and went our separate ways. He examined an over and under shotgun while I had a look at a neat little semi-automatic .270.

After a few minutes, we reconvened.

"You're not going to make a big deal out of this, are you?" he finally asked.

"No," I smiled. "No ma'am, I am not..."

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## Taste buds

MARGARET WATCHED THE APPROACHING car with a combination of curiosity and dread. Would Linda make it all the way or end up deep, dirty and stuck? The new spring mud was thick and strong in Margaret's driveway and Linda's vehicle was just a little thing. Margaret preferred something with more girth and so had never driven anything other than a pickup. She watched as her friend ploughed her way through the muck, coming to rest a few feet from Margaret's back stoop.

Making her way up the steps, Linda smiled mischievously, indicating a plastic container she carried under her arm. No doubt it was her contribution to dessert, thought Margaret smiling in return but refusing to give Linda the satisfaction of a question. They had always had that kind of relationship. Teasing, a little competitive and accepting of their differences.

Every few months the two friends got together for a nice lunch, taking turns at each other's homes. Today was Margaret's turn and she had made a salmon soufflé, homemade rolls and tossed salad. There was also spice cake with maple icing and then whatever might be in that thing under Linda's arm. Margaret had prepared all new recipes as was their rule and the anticipation had been building for both women all week.

After the drab days of February and early March, they both needed something to look forward to besides daylight saving time.

As usual Sam the collie tried to block Linda's entry until she had reached into her pocket for a dog biscuit. After he dutifully stepped aside, Margaret followed her in and took her jacket. "Hmm something smells delicious!" declared Linda as she took in the freshly scrubbed floor and table set with Margaret's good china.

Linda's contribution now sat on the kitchen counter, its square shiny dimensions inviting questions. Giving in to what was expected, Margaret asked, "What's in the box?" to which Linda replied it was a treat for after lunch but would not elaborate. That was sufficient for Margaret who was more concerned about the soufflé falling. While it continued to cook in the oven, the two women pulled their chairs away from the table and looked through the patio doors at the backyard.

There was still snow on the north-facing side by the shed, though it looked grey and sickly despite the bright sunshine. They could almost see it shrinking before their eyes. Already some energetic tulips and daffodils were optimistically pushing themselves through the earth on the sunny part of Margaret's flower bed. Linda remarked that the deer would be after those if she didn't do something soon and Margaret agreed, but with one ear tuned to the oven for a soufflé-falling thud.

They talked about all the folks they knew who were busy sugaring off and wondered if the unusually warm weather would be good or bad for their efforts. From there they began talking about favourite foods and flavours. Margaret announced maple had always been her favourite taste, citing the velvety fudge her grandmother used to make for Sunday afternoon visits.

That's when the trouble began, though trouble might be too strong a word. Because Linda said she could never abide the taste of maple and didn't understand what all the fuss was about, especially this time of year. Margaret grew silent, thinking of her spice cake with maple icing.

To change the subject, she moved to the topic of chocolate, a food she felt was highly over-rated, over-used and no more than a refuge for those who lacked imagination. Linda said not a word. But before Margaret could take notice, the stove's timer chimed and she darted up to remove the soufflé. Lunch was ready.

When it came time for dessert, Margaret hemmed and hawed and then finally brought out the cake along with a tub of vanilla ice cream. Linda laughed and took a very small piece of cake and a large serving of ice cream on the side. Then she opened the plastic container to reveal homemade chocolate Easter eggs. It was Margaret's turn to laugh as she buried an egg into a large piece of her own cake and icing.

Later they walked some of it off as they strolled in the sunshine and Sam the collie worked at being a mud magnet. They agreed they were indeed lucky to have such a good friend in each other.



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**sharon  
lynch**



## pic of the past

Elsie Knowles, who is living in Hamilton now, shares this photo her son Wray took in the 1970s of the West Guilford couples, all of who had been married for at least 50 years. Elsie wrote in her note that she had the West Guilford store at the time and thought residents were be interested in her photo that was kept very neatly wrapped in Cellophane.

## letters to the editor

## I'm sorry for selling cigarettes

*The following is an open letter to the health unit.*

### To the Health Unit and Whomever It May Concern:

I used to think selling cigarettes was reprehensible. In my early 20s, I turned down a good cashier's job because the business, a drug store, sold cigarettes.

In my early 40s, my circumstances were different and I gratefully took a job as a clerk where cigarettes were sold.

I remember feeling sick when the first pack of cigarettes passed through my hands. I felt I was in league with the devil and told my husband so when I got home that day.

That was three years ago. Since then I have felt the agony of selling tobacco to my former students who, some days, looked like the same fresh-faced 8-year-olds I taught 20 years ago. On other days,

they looked world-weary and wizened (perhaps because they smoke!).

I almost cried when friends renewed buying cigarettes from me after having quit for days or weeks or months. "Don't tell my wife" or "Don't tell my husband" or "Don't tell my kids," they said. They broke my heart. (I did cry when a dear friend bought his cigarettes from me, after having started smoking at the age of 45.)

Somewhere along the way I toughened up and stopped caring and crying...Until March 16, when you told me I had sold cigarettes to a minor. Then I cried again.

Selling cigarettes to a minor is reprehensible.

Thank you for reminding me that I still think selling cigarettes is reprehensible. And I won't do it. Not to kids. Not to anyone.

Kim Barrett  
Wilberforce

## Get wolf-educated

### To the Editor,

Recently, attention has been brought to the unusual behaviour of eastern wolves around Algonquin Park. This seems to have sparked fear in many people who work and live in the area. Reports of circling and howling wolves within an abnormally close range of humans have caused

worries of aggression and overpopulation and brought some people back to the old illusions from the "Little Red Riding Hood" ages.

A general lack of education about wolves has allowed us to play out unlikely scenarios of wolf encounters, as well as push for new policy, so let's

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# Wolves are shy animals when it comes to humans

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take a quick look at the science behind wolves.

It is important to look first at the behaviour of wolves. These are shy animals when it comes to human contact; in fact, you are more likely to see a black bear in the wild. This is not an attempt to discount the recent sightings or behaviour, rather, a reminder that one or two isolated events should not cause panic. It should also be noted that just because Algonquin Park (as well as some of its surrounding area) is a sanctuary for wolves, does not mean they cannot or will not venture outside of this range. Packs of wolves occupy between 150

and 200 km<sup>2</sup> on average, but can have a much larger territory. With such a large range, it should not be a surprise that they are seen outside of this area, nor should it cause fear of overpopulation. Along with this goes the fact that the preferred food source for these wolves, white-tailed deer, migrate outside of the park during the winter (sometimes feeding on leftover grains) and if the wolves don't follow, they have to work much harder to eat. In this respect they are just like us, so they follow the easy food.

It may be intuitive to see this new rare behaviour as an early sign of overpopulation. It would not be a stretch to imagine that a higher level of competition

for food may exist, generally pushing more aggressive behaviour, however, this is probably not the case. The wolf population in and around Algonquin Park has remained relatively stable, even since the hunting restrictions were put in place. This happens for the very reason that there is competition, and weaker wolves die as a result. The competitive, self-regulating nature of these wolves is a reason to be comfortable with the current population, not to fear overpopulation.

When thinking of management tactics, the unique social structure of wolf packs must be taken into account. Packs have a top (alpha) male and female to do the breeding, and a few others to do the work. In normal packs, the members are related by blood, likely increasing the efficiency of hunting and care within the pack, leading to normal survival and reproduction rates. Prior to the current ban on killing wolves in the area, packs had begun to adopt members, which was likely a negative change to their social structure. This is analogous to having a stranger come live with you, they may help out around the house, but ultimately they only care about what's best for themselves because there is no genetic relation to you or your family. Permission to hunt in the protected range, a bounty, or an increased wolf bag limit in areas where they can be hunted (as has been suggested), may not cause an immediate decrease in wolf population, but will likely lead to a reversion back to the "adopting" social structure seen in the pre-ban era which may eventually lead to a large decrease in numbers. It is not a common thought, but when we change the population of an animal, it has a ripple effect through the surrounding ecosystem, which will eventually cause a problem somewhere else.

Of course, there are many factors when it comes to this wolf issue. After all, when we look at the facts, there doesn't seem to be much of an issue at all. Aside from the scientific facts, there are human factors including fear and special interests. The reason this has become such a hot topic is anyone's guess, but it probably has more to do with the human factors. One thing we can be certain about is the present equilibrium of the eastern wolf population. If we allow hunting of these animals while the population is stable, we could throw off this equilibrium and be left with the nasty result of extirpation. We could really damage a good thing by allowing a politician to make a decision on an issue he, nor most of us know enough about, so why don't we let a scientist decide?

Brennen Coristine  
Department of Science,  
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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Fourth annual gala honours best businesses

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public figure or issue safe from his friendly jibes.

He called Warden Dave Burton the monarch of the county, MPP Rick Johnson an unknown backbencher to the tourism department and said the wolf issue was getting so bad that he saw 400 of them in his backyard.

"The last I heard, Highlands East had been wiped out by werewolves," he said.

And so it seemed natural that at the end of the evening hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, it was Jaycock himself that had to be ribbed after he was given Highlander of the Year award.

The award, to be given to a "community booster" and "true ambassador" to the Highlands, went to Jaycock for his intense community spirit, leadership and tendency to go "over and above" for Haliburton County, presenter Nick Lawrence said.

Jaycock is probably best known for his morning radio program on Canoe FM.

"It is an honour to be with you in the mornings ... I do picture many of you [as I do my show]," Jaycock said, launching into a graphic description of Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon in a bathrobe.

Not only involved with Canoe FM, Jaycock is also active in the theatre community and is the project coordinator of the business incubator in Haliburton.

On a serious note, Jaycock called his radio program a "treat, an honour and a delight" to do and accepted the award with "great surprise, but tremendous appreciation."

Other nominees in the category were Greg Roe, Maxine Snell, Sharon Luke and Mary Minto.

While Jaycock set the mood of the gala, the content was dominated by the accomplishments of local businesses, not-for-profits and individuals who were all deserving of an award.

Natalie Lauder, new owner of Minden River Cone, took home the young entrepreneur award given to her for taking risks in business with enthusiasm, innovation and dedication.

McKecks The Blue Line was given the new business honour for owner Maarten Steinkamp's drive to participate in the community and the renovation of the Highland Street locale.

Small business of the year went to Organic Times and large business went to Kawartha Dairy. Organic Times owner Deborah Lyons took time to recognize the role her staff played in the success of the business, which was honoured for its leadership, entrepreneurship, customer service and business achievement.

This year's warden's award was given to the 4Cs for their work in combating poverty through the Lily Ann Thrift Shop, food bank and meals on wheels among other services.

Wayne Cox, Ron Mark and Don Wood were honoured for their role in the success of the charity's services.

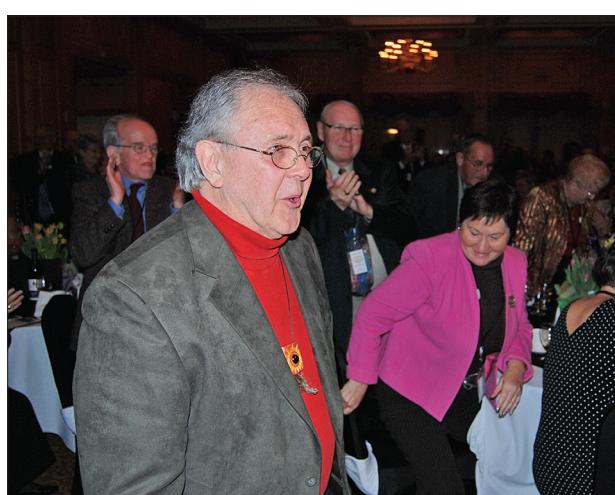
Student council co-captains Kyla Suchovs and Graeme Lloyd shared the youth of the year award, selected by their principal, Gary Brohman as the "best representation of youths in our community."

Brohman said the work of Kyla and Graeme brought



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This year's winners of business and community achievement awards, top row, left, Wayne Cox, Ron Mark and Don Wood won the Warden's Award for their work with the 4Cs; middle row, left, Mike Jaycock won Highlander of the Year, Julie and Larry Moynes of Ridgewood Ford took the customer service award; front row, left, Deborah Lyons accepted the award for best small business for Organic Times, Laurie Jones took the prize for best not-for-profit for the Rails End Gallery, Graeme Lloyd and Kyla Suchovs shared the youth of the year award and Don Crowe got the best large business award for Kawartha Dairy. Missing is McKecks The Blue Line, which won best new business.



Mike Jaycock gets a standing ovation as he accepts his Highlander of the Year award.

"great joy to my heart" and that the pair embodied the Red Hawk spirit.

Best customer service went to Minden's Ridgewood Ford, accepted by owners Julie and Larry Moynes.



Wayne Cox, left, accepts the Warden's Award on behalf of the 4Cs from Warden Dave Burton.

Not-for-profit of the year was given to the Rails End Gallery, accepted by director/curator Laurie Jones and board director Sandra Dupret.



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# Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

## WILDLIFE

# The question of wolves

The brush wolf nosed its way through the thicket below my tree stand – hunting, I suspect, the same deer I was. From my perch, I watched as it slipped through the cover, completely unaware of me – until it stepped directly downwind. Then, it hesitated, looked my way, and ran off.

That's the way wolves normally react.

In Haliburton County and beyond, however, a small number of recent incidents hint that some members of the pack have lost their fear of man – a behaviour pattern that's definitely abnormal.

Some, like Kim Roberts of Haliburton, call this a public safety issue that could lead to tragedy, especially if a child encounters a nuisance animal. Statistically, however, this is a long shot.

Having said that, there's no doubt that the potential for serious injury exists. Wolves are predatory opportunists that regularly take down deer and moose. Three people have been killed by wolves in North America since 2005 – the latest, a 32-year-old teacher near Anchorage, Ala. on March 8.

Though these tragedies are rare in North America, news stories depicting abnormal wolf/coyote behaviour are becoming commonplace. Recently, there have been a spate of reported attacks on pets in rural and urban areas and livestock compensation payouts due to coyote/wolf predation have reached record highs in parts of the province. So, the perception of a bolder, more aggressive wolf now exists. But does this have any merit?

Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) large carnivore biologist Maria de Almeida concedes an increase in reported incidents over the last few years.

"This could be the result of a heightened awareness – a reaction to seeing wolves in the media, especially in light of recent tragedies. It also might be because wolves seem to be getting more comfortable around people. Whatever the reason, once any wild animal loses respect for people that's dangerous for the animal and potentially dangerous for a person."

### A flawed beginning

A fair question to ask is do current wolf management regulations help? After all, the MNR changed the way we manage wolves less than 10 years ago.

Until 2001, licensed hunters could pursue these animals year-round and take

as many as they were able. This remains the case in Southern Ontario – outside of what is considered core wolf range. (And brush wolf numbers continue to grow.)

The regulatory changes enacted in Central and Northern Ontario were strongly influenced by a 10-year study (1989-1999) in Algonquin Provincial Park (APP) by Professor John Theberge and his wife Mary.

"Among other things," de Almeida said, "the Theberges found that 30 per cent of their radio-collared wolves were killed annually by trappers or hunters, as they followed deer out of the park into winter deer yards." They concluded that the park's wolves could not sustain that level of human predation.

As a result of this and other findings, an Algonquin wolf advisory committee was formed in 2000 and, in November 2001, the Natural Resources Minister at the time, John Snobelen, announced a 30-month moratorium on trapping and hunting in 39 townships adjacent to the park. In 2004, that moratorium was extended indefinitely along with wolf/coyote hunting restrictions in several wildlife management units beyond the townships, including those in Haliburton County. These regulations closed the wolf/coyote seasons from April 1 to Sept. 14 each year (allowing them to raise litters without harassment) and limited hunters to two wolf/coyotes during the open season.

Based on the science, it seemed prudent. However, an MNR follow-up study, accepted in 2007, revealed that the picture was not as bleak as the Theberges suggested.

The paper, researched by MNR wolf specialist Dr. Brent Patterson and Dennis L. Murray, titled Flawed population viability analysis can result in misleading population assessment: A case study for wolves in Algonquin Park, plainly discredits the Therberges' population assessments and predictions:

"The original Population Value Assessment (by the Theberges) predicted extirpation of wolves from Algonquin Provincial Park and prompted both a ban on wolf harvesting in a 10- to 16-kilometre buffer zone around the park and an intensive research program to evaluate the efficacy of that ban. Our reanalysis showed that limited and imprecise wolf population density and demographic



Steve Galea found a wolf den on his property and snapped this timid little wolf cub.

rate estimates, as well as flawed population assessments and reconstruction methods led to overly pessimistic evaluation of wolf population status in APP. In fact our analysis suggests that wolves in APP are unlikely to decline significantly over the next 20 years. Further, contrary to earlier conclusions, we suggest that rapid wolf population recovery following protection from human exploitation will be likely and readily detectable...."

Essentially, it acknowledges that the moratorium and wolf/coyote restrictions were based on flawed science. Their prediction that wolf numbers would recover noticeably has proven correct too. The real damage, they caution, was that valuable resources, which could have been used for more critical conservation initiatives, were misdirected.

### Not just about numbers

Despite this, the MNR still supports the restrictions and moratorium.

"One important spin-off is that it maintains wolf numbers in the park," says de Almeida. "This is important from an ecotourism perspective since wolf howls in APP attract as many as 2,000 people per event. People are interested in wolves in their natural environment."

There's also the matter of genetics, she says.

Three wolf subspecies exist in Ontario and APP. *Canis Lupus*, the timber or gray wolf, is the largest; *Canis Lycaon*, the eastern wolf is a mid-sized animal, and *Canis Latrans*, our brush wolf or eastern coyote, is the smallest. Though each is genetically distinct, the lines are getting blurred through hybridization.

In fact, many biologists refer to the wolf genetic mixture as *Canis Soup*.

This is significant because the eastern wolf, which shares many of the same genetic markers as the highly politicized endangered red wolf in the U.S., has been listed as a species at risk both nationally and provincially and designated as a species of special concern, which means it can only be hunted if that hunt is monitored. That's not to say hunting is the issue.

"The major peril threatening eastern wolves," said de Almeida, "is hybridization."

Furthermore, Moraal noted that, "in a October 2009 published article on wolf research within APP, it was determined that wolf pack integrity (i.e. stronger family groups) resulted from less human predation. At the same time, higher natural mortalities occurred which kept the density of wolves relatively stable. Although not fully understood, it appears that strong family-based packs may preclude potential hybridization with coyotes."

When combined with the fact that APP is the largest protected area for eastern wolves throughout their range, the MNR says the moratorium still makes sense.

### What about the overflow?

So, the park and surrounding townships serve as sanctuary for wolves from human predation. But the carrying capacity of that area only supports about 300 wolves. Those driven out disperse to suitable habitat outside of the park

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by Steve Galea

## Only 146 wolves hunted in 2008

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where they face limited hunting and trapping pressure.

According to de Almeida, a wolf population can withstand a 30 per cent harvest. Recent surveys indicate approximately 9,000 live wolves in the core wolf area, which means 2,700 wolves could be taken annually without long-term impact. In 2008, approximately 1,400 wolf seals were sold but only 146 animals were killed and tagged by hunters.

Simply put, they're difficult to hunt and virtually no one takes significant time off work to wolf hunt. Most wolves taken by resident hunters, in fact, are incidental kills during other big game seasons. Non-residents who come to Ontario for dedicated wolf hunts have higher success rates, said de Almeida.

The bottom line? Hunter and trapper harvest remain a fraction of what the wolf population can sustain.

These regulatory restrictions combined with a lack of hunting and trapping ef-

fort, no firearm discharge zones in most urban and some rural areas, plus other factors such as a relatively healthy deer, pet and livestock herd equate to more wolves/coyotes on the landscape.

Urban areas also seem to act as reserves for brush wolves. They do very well living near or in towns and cities because of protection from hunting, excellent food sources and good cover. In fact, some of the highest population densities are in the Golden Horseshoe.

In the end, wolves will continue to thrive because they are adaptable and because we recognize their value. Moreover, their populations follow the fluctuations of their prey species – and deer are also doing relatively well. More opportunities to take sheep, pets, garbage or dead cattle lying in the fields during winter also support growing wolf populations, but also place them in closer proximity to man and, by extension, removes some of the wildness and caution that brought them this far.

Some, myself included, would argue



Even as cubs, these wolves were curious of humans. /Photos by Steve Galea

that a lift of the moratorium and restrictive regulations might prevent the development of aggressive, nuisance animals and abnormal behaviour and reinforce a healthy respect of man. That, I believe, would benefit both species.

But wolves are an animal immersed in politics, myth and emotion. And those are the hardest to manage.

## HUNTING More moose tags for 2010

Moose hunters in Haliburton County will have a better chance when applying for a moose tag this year.

Hunters in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 54 will have 135 bull tags and 40 cow tags to apply for in the 2010 season – up slightly from last year's adult tag total of 171 tags (141 bulls and 30 cows). The MNR also allocated 96 bull tags and 22 cow tags in WMU 56, a substantial increase from the 79 bull and 26 cow tags given out last year in that WMU.

MNR area biologist Gerry Moraal says, "These changes reflect last year's harvest numbers and information gathered in the aerial surveys."

The draw deadline is June 1.

### Highlander of the Year Award

#### Criteria of this award

Outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

#### Mike Jaycock

I would like to point out this individual as a true contributor to the community and provides leadership to many organizations in Haliburton County. Not only for their numerous hours of volunteerism, but for their expertise as Master of Ceremonies & Auctioneer for many different events. Over and above his continual commitment to the morning drive show at Canoe FM.

### Small Business of the Year Award

#### Criteria

Leadership & Entrepreneurship, Excellent in Community Relations, Customer Service & Reliability, High standard of Employee Relations & Significant Business Achievement

#### Organic Times

Formerly opened as the Storeroom Natural Foods 7 years ago and recently renamed Organic Times with an complete renovation of the old Times building and recently renamed Organic Times. Deborah Lyons has passionately worked long hard hours to maintain a much needed health food store to Minden.

### New Business of the Year Award

#### Criteria

Leadership & Entrepreneurship, Excellent in Community Relations, Customer Service & Reliability, High standard of Employee Relations & Significant Business Achievement

#### McKeeks The Blue Line

The new owner Maartin Steinkamp in a short amount of time has completely revamped the famous McKeeks Place, with many upgrades in décor, menu and has shown a drive to participate in the community on many levels.

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#### Large Business of the Year Award

#### Criteria

Leadership & Entrepreneurship, Excellent in Community Relations, Customer Service & Reliability, High standard of Employee Relations & Significant Business Achievement

#### Kawartha Dairy

Kawartha Dairy employs 126 staff between their Minden and Bobcaygeon locations. Besides being a long term major employer in existence for 74 years in Haliburton, their locations have become a destination for tourists and residents alike. Kawartha Dairy brand is known throughout Ontario and operates 6 retail locations across Ontario. The Minden location is the one the most popular destinations in the area and has put Haliburton County on the map.

#### Not-For-Profit of the Year Award

#### Criteria for this award

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-for-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton.

#### Rail's End Gallery & Arts Centre

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## FOR THE LOVE OF COCOA

# Local chocolatier heads to France for training

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Heidi Hudspith does not love chocolate.

The young chocolatier and resident of Haliburton has spent a large part of the past six years of her life dedicated to learning everything there is to know about the art of organic chocolate making.

Well almost everything.

Hudspith will be travelling to France at the end of April to partake in a weeklong maître chocolatier program courtesy of école chocolat, an online school that specializes in chocolate making. While abroad, Hudspith will be engaging in full-day workshops with world-renowned chefs and trips to chocolate factories.

"We're going to be visiting some major chocolate producers who I'm sure have equipment and techniques I have never seen before," says Hudspith. "You can't ever learn enough."

Hudspith, whose official title with the school is chocolate production specialist, spends her spare time tutoring students about the fine art of chocolate making, helping them to craft their skills and

their passion.

"It's been so fascinating just meeting all these people," says Hudspith regarding her role as a tutor.

Hudspith began her chocolate journey by completing a three-year apprenticeship as a chocolatier with Joanne Mogridge of Cocoa West Chocolates. Mogridge, says Hudspith, decided to take on the young apprentice because of her background in sculpture arts.

"She said to me 'sculpture includes a lot of mould making, so do you want to take on chocolate making?'" says Hudspith. "Never in a million years did I aspire to do this, I just kind of fell into it and fell in love with it."

With a degree in fine arts, Hudspith works full-time at Fleming College and has also become enthralled with fibre arts. The chocolate thing, as she put it, is just for fun.

In November of this year, Hudspith will be conducting a truffle workshop at the college, instructing participants on how to make their own creations.

Without the pleasure of having a licensed kitchen, Hudspith does not sell her chocolates to the public, instead only sharing the divine creations with friends and family.



Heidi Hudspith works diligently to create a variety of delectable treats. Hudspith will be travelling to France next month to further develop her cocoa craft.

As Hudspith demonstrates the meticulous approach she takes to her craft one can only observe and admire her work in awe. She explains the important elements of good chocolate, which include its flavours, creaminess and ability to break.

She begins with a chocolate ganache that she pulls out of the fridge. This she says is made by blending chocolate and whipped cream together, as well as adding a touch of vanilla before putting in the fridge to harden.

With a melon baller in hand, Hudspith takes tiny scoops of the ganache and

rolls it into a cocoa powder and sugar mixture before putting the balls into a sieve which she then shakes to get rid of the excess cocoa powder.

The chocolate making process continues as Hudspith pulls out a cold espresso infused mixture she has made that she intends to use as a filling for her truffles. As the chocolatier methodically moves about her kitchen she never loses sight of the task at hand, although she admits the entire process can take her upwards of days to complete. And don't expect to catch her reading from a cookbook.

"The recipes I use are all in my head," she says. "I get that mainly from working in the business."

Although thrilled to be travelling to France with the school, don't expect her to become a chocolate lover just yet.

"Friends I haven't seen in years who know I'm a chocolate maker will say when they see me 'I was expecting you to be 500 pounds,'" she laughs. "But I guess after working with chocolate for so many years its taste has lost its appeal on me. When I was working at Cocoa West, on Bowen Island, there were times I had to taste the chocolate at 8 a.m. and it was really the last thing I wanted to be eating."

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# Haliburton toasts to public speaking success

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

It's that moment you always dread, the moment that makes up the majority of your nightmares. You stand up and get ready to address a group of your closest and most trusted friends and family members when all of a sudden you realize you're naked.

And then you wake up.

Maybe you have experienced one of these dreams or maybe you haven't, but for a large proportion of the population, public speaking is a real and present fear.

The not-for-profit international organization known as Toastmasters is dedicated to helping people who have a fear of public speaking overcome it. The organization recently created the first club in Haliburton, which has been meeting since the beginning of this year.

Originating back to 1924, Toastmasters was formed in

Santa Ana, Calif., by a man with the name Ralph Smedley. Working at the time as a director of education for a YMCA, Smedley discovered that many of the group's young individuals needed training in the art of public speaking and he wanted to help. More than 80 years later, the organization now has more than 12,500 clubs and more than 250,000 members in 106 countries.

The Haliburton club, which meets Wednesday evenings at Pinestone resort, is similar to Smedley's original prototype. Members gather in an informal setting to practice the art of speaking publicly while being met with constructive criticism in a social and casual atmosphere.

On March 17, the Haliburton club followed a strict agenda and theme for the evening. This particular meeting's theme was, to little surprise, "Go green on March 17."

The evening's events included time for table topics, which allow everyone to share a story or anecdote with the group that coincides with the theme of the night. Every member of the club bravely stood up at the front of the room as they shared a story about their most memorable St. Patrick's Day experience.

The agenda also included a speech given by club mentor Grant Bjornson, who spoke on the order of good cheer, followed by an evaluation of his speaking courtesy of the other members present.

As each member made his way to the podium it was



Norm Thomas, a member of the Haliburton Toastmasters club, addresses the group at the organization's weekly meeting held on March 17. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

mesmerizing to watch each individual bravely face one of his greatest fear's in front a room of relatively new friends. Although some eased through the task more efficiently than others, each person dared to speak and was met with enormous support afterward. Similarly to an alcoholics anonymous meeting, it wasn't necessarily the end result that was analyzed but rather the journey along the way.

Betty Legacey, who is one of the sponsors of the Haliburton club, says the rewards and skills reaped from joining the organization far outweigh facing your fears.

"We are all about developing leadership skills and confidence," says Legacey. "I go and speak to elementary students and it really helps them with their speaking and communication skills. It makes a world of difference. I even ran into a teacher at the grocery store once and she said to me, 'don't you forget about coming into my classroom, those students depend on you.'"

Bjornson, who resides in Bobcaygeon and has been involved with Toastmasters for a number of years, said there are a number of reasons why people join the club.

"Sometimes it's for business purposes, sometimes it's for personal reasons," said the mentor for the Haliburton club. "And sometimes people just want to be able to give a toast at the next family event."

Cue naked nightmare. After attending a session of Toastmasters, clothes or no clothes, the speech must go on.

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## MENTAL HEALTH

# Dundas helps families cope with mental illness

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Two years ago Barbara and David Dundas lost a 10-year battle with mental illness.

Back in April of 2008, they received word that Deborah, their 37-year-old daughter, had died in a small apartment, in a non-descript neighborhood in Windsor.

Barbara, who moved to Haliburton five years ago, says she doesn't know much about the circumstances surrounding Deborah's death.

Reports were sketchy. Deborah had apparently been transferred to her own apartment after a stint at a Windsor shelter.

Asked what killed her daughter, Barbara pushes back some tears, and says she isn't sure.

The reports from the agencies handling the death were hazy and incomplete. "I think she just stopped eating," says Dundas. Maybe, she adds, she just stopped trying. Maybe the struggle with the demons and the disease had simply overwhelmed this young woman with so much to live for.

These are moot discussions. Both Barbara and David Dundas know what really killed their daughter.

At the age of 27, Deborah Dundas had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, a life-threatening daily double; the verdict led to that slow silent slide into the accompanying depression that sometimes follows a diagnosis of this magnitude. The treatment that followed – the trial-and-error prescription of drugs and the mandated counseling – rocked Deborah's already faltering foundation.

It was all proving too much for this aspiring French teacher, who in the prime of her life felt alone and adrift; afraid and ashamed. And she was unsure how the devastating diagnosis would affect her teaching career. Barbara says her daughter, like a lot of people suffering from schizophrenia and bipolar disease, experienced some frightening times during the 10-year grind from original diagnosis to her tragic death in 2008.

There was guilt. It was, says her distraught mother, extremely hard to watch. It was also frustrating, because the family wanted to reach out, to help, but they had absolutely no idea how to assist their daughter in her time of need. So little was known about mental illness, so many barriers influenced decisions and there was so much intolerance and ignorance on the part of the general public about mental health issues.

So little feedback from a daughter who was swaying on the exterior fringes of her disjointed reality.

For the next 10 years, Deborah went through the de rigueur ups and downs that follow the progression of chronic mental illness. Regimens of prescribed pills, anti-depressants, the arguments with doctors; bouts with self-medication, experimentation with alcohol or drugs, radical mood swings and bad behaviour.

"Our daughter, we had to forcibly get into a hospital, because she was a threat to herself, and at that point you have to take the initiative," says Barbara. "And that just about tore my heart apart."

This is all raw stuff for Barbara. Too soon. Too much uncertainty. Too many questions. Some guilt and a truckload of unappetizing memories.

Barbara doesn't know what happened to the vivacious, intelligent and beautiful child that had grown up in a loving home.



After losing their daughter Deborah to mental illness, David and Barbara Dundas have vowed to not let their loss be in vain.

Where did Deborah go? A young woman with two university degrees, a burgeoning career as a French teacher, and a lovely four-year-old son of her own. What the hell happened?

Through the 10 years of dealing with the slow spiral of her daughter's life, Barbara Dundas never gave up. She researched, she read, she talked to professionals, and she enrolled in courses. She has followed closely the enlightening first-person treatise of Senator Michael Kirby who has done so much recently to inform the Canadian people (and his Senate and Parliament counterparts) about the realities of mental illness.

Today Barbara is done grieving. She's taking action. Deborah is gone. Barbara could shake her head and cry herself to sleep every night; or she could make sure that Deborah's too short life and untimely death serves the greater good. She chose the latter.

Today Barbara Dundas is invigorated. And beginning Thursday, March 25, she will be facilitating a special eight-week course at the Ruth Parks Room in the Haliburton Hospital.

The program, called Strengthening Families Together,

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Barbara is a trained facilitator in family intervention and the seminars are being run with the support of Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services.

"The purpose of the group is to strengthen relationships and support with our family members or friends," says Barbara. "One in five people in Canada has a relative or friend with a mental illness and one in 10 Canadians are living with a mental illness. Over 250,000 Canadians are suffering from mental illness."

Big numbers and a big job. Listening to Dundas optimistically outlining the goals of the Strengthening Families Together program, one is immediately overwhelmed by her compassion and commitment. She says the program helped her, and she wants to ensure that it is available to anyone in this area who might find some solace and refuge.

"I couldn't understand or cope with Deborah's mental illness, and I couldn't understand or support her," says Dundas. "When I was going through it I was looking for answers; I went to this program, and it taught me how to support her; how to understand her; and what she was going through; and that's why we're offering it here."

The program runs weekly from Thursday, March 25 to May 27 (6 to 8 p.m.) in the Ruth Parks Room in Haliburton Hospital. Phone Tina at the mental health offices, 705-286-4575, for information.

Barbara Dundas is an advocate and a mentor who believes that we can't afford to keep this disease in the shadows. It truly is a matter of life and death.

She does it for Deborah and countless others out there who need family and friends for intervention, support and care.

Listening to Barbara Dundas talk about empowerment, there is an overriding an unassailable knowledge that Deborah Dundas did not die in vain.

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## ■ AGING WELL

# Photo exhibit places spotlight on elder abuse

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The Through My Eyes photography exhibit certainly opened some eyes last Thursday.

The event, sponsored by the Elder Abuse Prevention Network (Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes), was made possible by a grant from New Horizons, a federal agency that provides grants toward aging well programs in Canada.

Community Care, several seniors outreach bodies, and representatives of the OPP all congregated at Park Lane apartments March 18 for an exhibit of photographs featuring seniors from the Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes area.

Haliburton alone boasts a burgeoning population of 4,000 seniors and all indications point to a dramatic rise in that demographic over the next decade.

People are living longer these days. That's the good news. The bad news is that as the population grows so do incidents of elder abuse.

So the purpose of the photography exhibit was two-fold: to promote an active lifestyle and to bring a sense of urgency to the reporting of any and all incidents of elder abuse. Elder abuse includes both physical and mental cruelty.

Karen Anderson, an administrator and coordinator with the Elder Abuse Prevention Network says that this is a pressing and urgent problem, one that affects a large number of seniors.

She says that she has received more than 200 calls during her tenure with the program, but she believes that those reports form just a small percentage of the actual abuse numbers.

New Horizons provided a one-time grant toward the printing of a calendar based on the award-winning photos

of seniors at play. The calendar comes chock full with the vital information and contact numbers for seniors that might be at risk.

"This is a one-time grant to create this photography exhibit and to create the 2010 Senior Safety calendars," says Anderson. "We have given out 2,000 of these calendars absolutely free of charge."

Anderson says that elder abuse is an issue that demands redress and action. "We want to encourage seniors to pick up the phone and report a crime," explains Anderson. "Because seniors are very reluctant; they don't want to bother the police."

"So this is just a calendar that contains information on elder abuse and I tell the seniors that I give it to that when you're done with the calendar, just put it away in your junk drawer and you'll have all the information, including names, contacts, phone numbers and provincial contacts."

She stresses that it is incumbent for anyone involved (family, friends and neighbours) to act if there is any suspicion of elder abuse.

"Pick up the phone," says Anderson.



Ev Stata, posing here with OPP Const. Mark McMaster, has her own month on the 2010 seniors calendar. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

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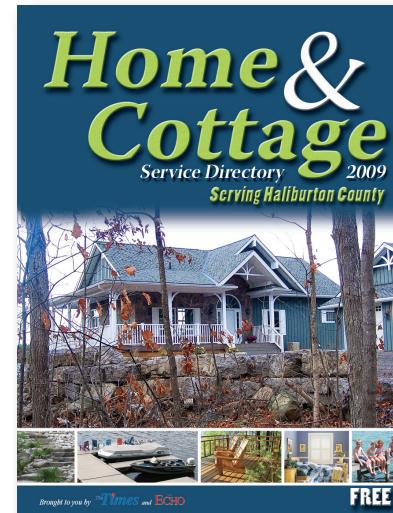
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This panorama view of the old Dysart library shows just how far the business incubator project has progressed in getting the space ready for four new businesses in June.

## Incubator gives businesses chance to escape city

**JENN WATT**

Editor

It is a common story arc: smart city dweller slogs day and night at her job, saving money to retirement when she can at last leave the "rat race" and move to a more beautiful, balanced, rural locale.

But what if that narrative could be turned on its head?

What if a smart entrepreneur could start her career in the land of lakes and trees, fresh air and brilliant night skies, all the while being supported by a close-knit community and dedicated mentors to help her on the way to success?

It can happen.

In fact, this June in downtown Haliburton it will happen.

"There are those people who would love this lifestyle. So what we're saying is, look, you can have a business life with [this] lifestyle. If you're not the concrete jungle kind of person, if you would like to have what we have to offer in terms

of our natural environment [you can]," says Mike Jaycock, the project consultant for the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator, which has just opened the application process for new businesses to join the project.

While business incubators have been around in many forms over the years, this is the first Canadian business incubator tied to the new concept of the "creative economy" to grow out of such a small town.

"Creative businesses" are those fueled primarily by the mind, such as arts and crafts, architecture, cultural heritage, writing, information technology, media, music, photography and theatre.

The idea of an incubator is to offer affordable rent to upstart businesses along with guidance and assistance for a couple of years allowing the entrepreneur the environment to learn and grow.

"A creative business broadens [possibilities] to include all the new media, so it could be a games designer or a left-handed widget designer or whatever. It could be a designer, it could be an architect,

it could be all of those things," says Barb Bolin, chairperson of the organizing committee for the incubator.

Bolin has been working toward this vision for four years along with project partners Haliburton Community Development Corporation and the municipality of Dysart et al, and seeing it so close to fruition makes her excited and a bit nervous.

"This is what we've been waiting for – these applications. It's really exciting and a bit crazy-making. There are so many possibilities out there. Will they find us and will we find them?"

By mid-April the former municipal library will be fully renovated into business spaces, fully serviced by broadband Internet connections, ready to be used. Applicants will be interviewed in May and by June four new businesses will be taking their first steps in a new world.

In order to be considered for the project, the businesses must be young – not start-ups, but in their infancy – though the entrepreneurs don't need to be.

"People coming into the incubator must be looking for ... assistance. They must be looking for mentorship," Bolin says, "We're not looking for people to say, I'm here, this is my space, go away."

Instead, the idea is that businesspeople will latch on to the Highlands community, integrate and draw from the creativity that is already flowing through institutions such as Fleming College, the Folk Society and the Arts Council among others.

The Haliburton Rotary Club just passed a resolution to support the businesses that come to the incubator in any mentorship capacity needed.

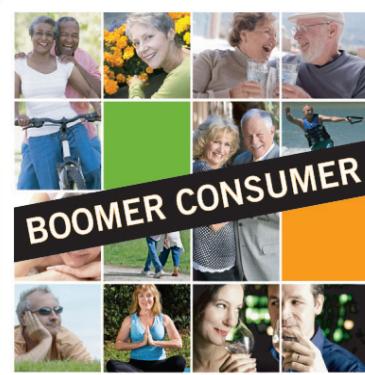
All of these components together provide for more than just a positive business environment, Jaycock and Bolin say, but better odds at success.

In an incubator setting, 70 per cent of businesses on average succeed. For those working alone, that number is a more challenging 30 per cent.

"We will make sure that you don't feel you're here alone," Jaycock says.

The business incubator is open to anyone looking to give their burgeoning business a hand up, whether from the city or right in Haliburton County.

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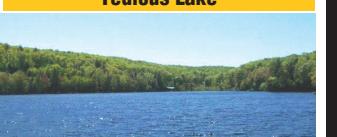
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**KIDS**

## Terri and Rick entertain at library

Local MPP Rick Johnson wowed the kiddies at the Dysart library on March 18 as he and his wife Terri performed a number of their hit children's songs.

The concert, which was free to all who attended, included tunes about the importance of reading, sharing and the fear of making mistakes. Children of all ages were caught singing and dancing along the rows of books. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

**PIRATES**

## Daycares invaded by wee pirates



Last Friday, March 19, the Haliburton Wee Care held their annual Pirates' Day. Above a pirate ship undergoes an aerial attack by water bombs and super soakers. Four young pirates had their hands full warding off boarding parties.

Photos by Terrance Gavan.



Four young swashbucklers from the Haliburton Wee Care prepare to take their positions on the poop deck of their pirate ship during the annual Pirates' Day celebration.

At right, world-renowned buccaneer puppet, Pete the Pirate, entertains the kids with a few swashbuckling tales during Pirate and Pizza Day celebrations at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton.



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## CONSTRUCTION

# Pavilion gets facelift

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Buildings, like people, get older over the course of time. Unlike people however, a building's age can usually be disguised with a simple fresh coat of paint and a few tweaks here and there.

Such improvements are currently underway at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Open since June 1999, the pavilion is shared between the Trilliums Lakelands District School Board and the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society. Its popularity and unmatched facility keep the theatre in high rotation as it is

used by the community for theatre productions, dance recitals, the Highlands Summer Music Festival, choir concerts and programs for children, among other things.

In 2009 alone, the pavilion was booked 116 days of the year, which is outside of school use. According to theatre manager Heather Smith, the continuous wear and tear placed on the theatre make the ongoing upgrades a necessity.

"The theatre is booked quite heavily by the community and for school use so the need to repair, reorganize and replace equipment after 11 years is necessary and costly," says Smith. "All groups booking the facility benefit."

Groups that book the facility pay a fee to do so, which goes back into the facility for upkeep.

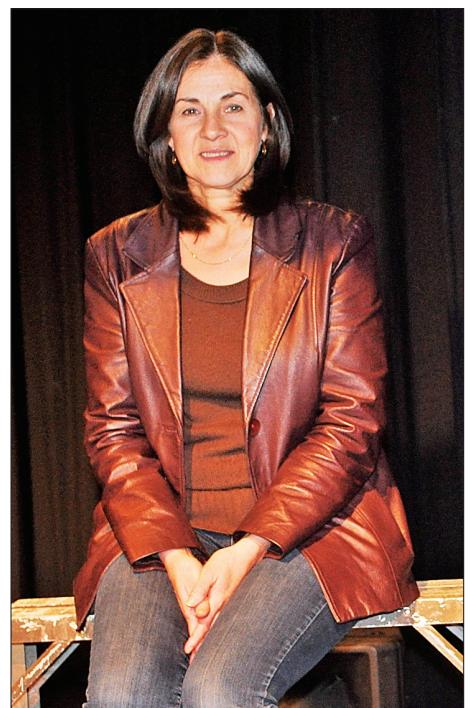
Some of the most recent changes include a fresh coat of burgundy applied to the walls and the Proscenium Arch during the school's March break.

"The painting was just started this morning," says Smith on the first day of the scheduled break. "We have to wait until the students are gone before we can do upgrades like this. For example the carpets and theatre seats are shampooed over the Christmas break and the stage is painted every 2 to 3 months depending on the condition and accessibility to paint it. The painting and fixing of the risers is done once a year."

The arch was last painted in 2004 and according to Smith, was in need of a facelift.

"The walls get knocked by sets, stage dressings and props," she says. "The corners of the arch will be covered with aluminum before being painted again. This will help with the nicks and dents it receives."

Another area of improvement was the lights and backstage equipment. Smith and a dedicated team of volunteers spent



Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion manager Heather Smith sits amid the construction currently underway at the theatre. Recent improvements include a fresh coat of paint and equipment upgrades. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

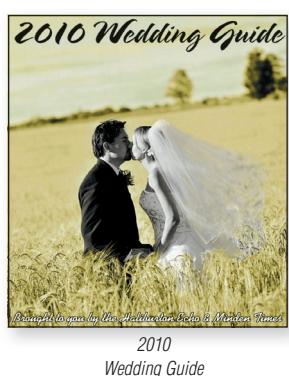
eight hours reorganizing and labeling the lighting equipment and moving it onto a new stand, a simple improvement over its former location, which was on the floor.

According to Smith, the theatre's management board is also in the midst of applying for funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), to be used towards purchasing more dimmers and lights.

The curtain "legs" – the smaller curtains at the edges of the stage – were also replaced within the last few years as the former ones were beginning to disintegrate.

Smith, who has been employed as the theatre manager since last July, is ecstatic about the improvements.

"I'm very excited," she says. "The theatre is getting some new stuff. The equipment is up to date and it's all going to look spiffy when it's done."



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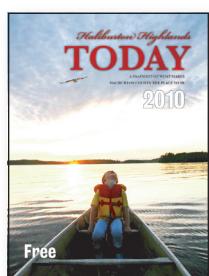


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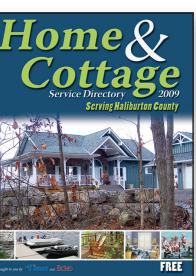
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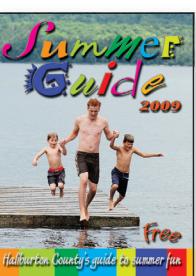
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## Highland Lassie bonspiel

The Highland Lassie annual bonspiel was held on Saturday, March 6 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Sixteen teams participated and the winning team was from Haliburton. Jane Jaycock (lead), Kim Lewis (skip), Sheila Stackhouse (vice) and Candy Robinson (second). /Photo submitted by Marilou Mizzan

## LOCAL COLOUR

**Top o' da' evenin' to ya!**

OK, 10,000 bonus points if you can figure out which McKecks Blue Line staffer is actually Irish. (Hint: He or she is wearing green!) The local watering hole and eatery was packed to the rafters with the usual St. Patty's Day suspects as the Black Feather Band played on and on - well, from 7 to 9 p.m. anyway. Sacrilege you say? Never. Just a local pub ensuring that everyone went home safe and sober. The McKecks staff were all fully integrated into the tradition of good cheer.



# Visible Voices

## Connecting Seniors Through Artmaking

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***to all those who supported and contributed to the Visible Voices Program.  
Your dedication, skills and enthusiasm have made this program a huge success!***

Thanks go to all the participants and the intrepid volunteers and advisory committee including:

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Visible Voices also had the unerring support of the staff at Highland Wood, Hyland Crest and Extendicare who championed the pilot program Arts Rx and made room for the Visible Voices artmaking.

Our intention is to sustain this wonderful program, so if you are interested in volunteering, know an isolated senior who would benefit, are a senior yourself who would like to be a participant or are someone who could make a donation please call Fay **754 4004**, e-mail **fay@thecreativecocoon.com** or Kim at the Arts Council **457-8033**, email **kim@haliburtonarts.on.ca** Watch for the traveling Visible Voices Display coming shortly to a community near you ...

*On behalf of the Visible Voices Program  
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## ■ PROVINCIAL FINALS

# Hal High Hawks prepping for run at OFSAA title

**TERRANCE GAVAN**

Staff reporter

It's been a long, arduous season for the Hal High Hockey Hawks.

It all began while the trees were dusting off their colourful autumnal jackets, and now, with sap running, and buds popping, the Hawks are still at it; on the road, still dreaming those complicated dreams, and perhaps most poignantly, still playing hockey.

They are off to the Ontario provincial hockey championships (OFSAA) this week.

Good news for a hustling and dynamic group of skaters, who under the measured guidance and good counsel of coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman have stuck to the plan.

Yake said, way back in October, that the measure of this team would ultimately rest with their ability to mould and gel. Moulding under the leadership of the senior class and the gelling coming courtesy of the underclassmen, the young Grade 10s and 11s on the squad who Yake said would have to pop to the forefront if this team was to find their niche and prosper.

That happened.

It was, in the end, a full team effort that propelled them to the provincial tourney.

And they worked. Hard.

And they paid attention.

And they stuck to the paradigm so artfully crafted by the coaching staff.

They utilized their depth to wear teams down. They followed their checks up and down the ice and they hawked the puck at every opportunity.

They finished first at 12-1-1 in Kawartha league play, and they went on to capture the Kawartha league



The Hawks will have to get a lot of scoring from their most potent offensive contributors such as Ashton Haley (71) if they want to push fortunes at the annual OFSAA AA hockey championships being held in St. Catharines this week. They start play today, and continue with two games tomorrow. Round robin action wraps on Thursday. File Photo.

championship.

They fell a goal short of doing the same in the COSA play downs, but they played themselves into the AA OFSAA championships that begins today in St. Catharines.

There are 20 teams involved in the showdown, four pools of five teams.

A lot of talent, but Hal High has played well enough to earn a very good seeding as the second representative (along with Belleville's St. Theresa) from the always tough COSSA division.

No cakewalk said Yake in an earlier interview with the *Echo* just before the March break.

"It's always a tough field, and we'll have to bring our A-game," said Yake, just after claiming the OFSAA berth two weeks back.

The boys are excited, and some of them have even

rented ice at the Dysart barn just to keep the feet alive and the cobwebs from building. Nice to see a young group of talented kids taking initiative like that.

Means they're hungry; means that they're ready. They'll have to be.

Their pool includes St. Thomas Aquinas from Oakville, Unionville's Bill Crothers SS, St. Christopher SS from Sarnia, and Queen Elizabeth DHS who are coming all the way from Sioux Lookout.

Hawks will play Aquinas on Tuesday, March 23 in their first round robin contest at 2:30 p.m. On Wednesday morning they play Crothers at 10:45 and then St. Christopher at 6:45 p.m.

Their final game in the round robin goes Thursday versus Queen Elizabeth at 8:15 a.m.

The action and scores can be followed by going to [ofsaa.on.ca](http://ofsaa.on.ca) and following the links to AA hockey.

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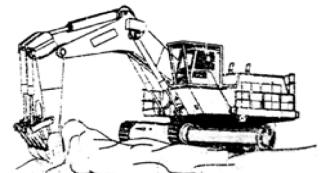
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## DOGSLEDDING

# DeBruin argued team was slow, but on schedule

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According to a poignant piece by Craig Medred in the *Alaska Dispatch* report, DeBruin was told that he was moving too slowly.

"I was putting booties on his dogs in preparation of hitting the trail to Kaltag," DeBruin told Medred.

"That's when the call came in. On the other end of the line was Iditarod race marshal Mark Nordman," writes Medred. "Nordman wanted to know why the 47-year-old DeBruin and his 13 Siberian huskies had taken more than nine hours on the 50-mile run from Galena. DeBruin explained that it had been 40 below and that the team was fighting a headwind on the wide-open river."

Turns out that the explanation didn't satisfy Nordman.

He told DeBruin he was too far behind the nearest mushers down the trail. Jane Faulkner, of Kenai, and Celeste Davis, from Montana, were closing on Kaltag, the next checkpoint, just as DeBruin was leaving Nulato.

It all gets a little hazy from there, and DeBruin has been too upset to talk to many people or the press at this time.

"DeBruin argued that though his team was slow, it was still on pace to finish as the fastest-ever red lan-

tern in the Iditarod," reports the *Dispatch*. "Nordman wasn't buying that either, DeBruin said."

That's when the Iditarod brain trust apparently put down the hammer.

The race marshal announced he was imposing rule 36, the "competitiveness" rule.

The rule states: "A team may be withdrawn that is out of the competition and is not in position to make a valid effort to compete. If a team has not reached McGrath in 72 hours of the leader, Galena within 96 hours of the leader or, Unalakleet within 120 hours of the leader, it may be presumed that a team is not competitive."

"A musher whose conduct constitutes an unreasonable risk of harm to his/her dogs or other persons may also be withdrawn."

It's a tough call says Medred because DeBruin was well aware of all the time constraints and was within the structured limits.

"He had cleared McGrath with days to spare and reached Galena less than 72 hours behind the arrival of then-race leader Jeff King from Denali," explains Medred. "By DeBruin's reckoning, he was a full day ahead of Iditarod doomsday."

All for naught, because Nordman invoked the competitiveness rule and gave DeBruin an ultimatum. Scratch voluntarily, or be sanctioned with a disqualification.

DeBruin chose to scratch, but according to all sources

he remains vehemently at odds with the ad hoc and arbitrary invocation of the seldom-used rule.

"I'm mad as hell," DeBruin told the *Dispatch* while in Unalakleet waiting for a plane out last Wednesday, March 17.

Wife Tanya McCready, who has been updating more than 1,000 Facebook followers with daily and sometimes hourly reports, said that the family, including her brother Ward and the four kids are still trying to make sense of the whole thing.

Her last report on Facebook is a little more upbeat, but it's evident that DeBruin is very disappointed.

McCready says Ward, the dogs and DeBruin still have a long truck ride back to Haliburton and that they are coping and she also took some time to thank the many new friends and fans of the valiant team of Siberian huskies.

"Hello from Wasilla, Alaska," writes McCready on the Facebook page.

"I am happy to say that, as of tonight, we now have Hank and 13 dogs back with us; can't say how happy we are. To all of our 1,200-plus fans: Thank you for all the kind words and support over the last 36 hours."

A sour end to a valiant run for a gentle, kind and determined man with a dream that just went south.

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## COMMUNITY HELPS



### Shoppers Drug Mart helps Point in Time

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, was on hand at Shoppers Drug Mart in Haliburton to receive a donation of \$525 to be used towards the organization's summer adventure day camp. Cox, pictured far right, was handed the donation by owner Aimee Mansfield, left, and front store manager Breanne Mansfield, centre. The money was raised through a variety of initiatives, including a bake sale. The owner wished to express her thanks to all of the customers and staff for their support of this worthwhile cause. /Photo by Angelica Blenich



### HHHS Foundation gets \$7,300

Hospital resident Joan Medland, centre, demonstrates the ease of the new stationary ceiling lifts purchased by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Foundation. The lifts were purchased thanks to a donation from the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries charitable foundation. Royal Canadian Legion, br. 129 Haliburton president Carla Watson and first vice president Jack Greavette present a \$7,300 cheque to HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush. From left to right, campaign co-chair Don Popple, personal support worker Marlene Robinson, personal support worker Nancy Cowan and RN Christine Bellefleur. /Photo by Angelica Blenich



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## ■ WEST GUILFORD

# Many reasons to celebrate

community news

## west guilford

*Eleanor Cooper*  
**754-2278**

Congratulations to Storm Atom AEs on their win in Ilderton followed by the close game. Good goaltending, Anthony. Local youngsters on the Storm team: Greg Crofts, son of Karena and Kevin; Josh Boice, son of Kendra and Barry; and Chase Burden, son of Stephanie and Chad.

Good luck again, boys.

Congratulations as well to Emma Paul, daughter of Judi and Andy, who joined in the Hal High wrestling team that won the bronze medal at the OFSAA tournament.

Several Guilford residents were part of the party of 30 gathered at Bonnie View Inn on March 16 as guests of Louise Cooper for her 70th birthday: Kathleen Owens, Earl and I, Mike and Paula Pearsell and Wayne Cooper.

Euchre scores: high, Tina Hadley and Ivan Kernohan; low, Ruby Parcells and Myra Marshall; and most lone hands, Alice Jones and Ron Bain. Jean Clark and Perry Morrison received the special prizes.

Attendance was small but the fun was great at the St. Patrick's Day party at the centre on March 13. Green was everywhere. Andrew Burtch managed the music for dancing and Irish songs were sung. Keep it in mind for next year, folks.

## Notices

**The County of Haliburton****NOTICE**

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be holding a 2010 budget meeting at 1:00pm on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.

The public is welcomed to attend.

## Career & Business Opportunities

**CONTRACTOR****Pre-Qualification Call**

For balcony door/frame replacement at Parklane Apartments - a 3 storey 50 unit residence owned and operated by the Haliburton Community Housing Corporation in the Village of Haliburton.

A short list will be established from this process with tender starting Apr. 8/10 and closing Apr. 22/10. Construction start would be June 1/10 with completion June 30/10.

Work to include:

- Removal and disposal of all balcony doors/frames from site.
- Install new insulated metal doors with operating half lite in clad wood frame complete with thresholds.
- Removal and modification of existing vinyl siding to suit.
- New interior wood trim/casing.

Contractors interested in being invited to submit tenders are requested to complete Pre-Qualification Statement (CCA Document No. 11 latest version) including superintendent's resume.

Contractors must have minimum \$2,000,000 comprehensive liability insurance and WSIB registration/clearance. Bonding will not be required, however, a performance security of \$5,000 via certified cheque or letter of credit will be required. The award of this contract is subject to final funding approval.

Submit to the Office of:  
**WILCOX ARCHITECTS INCORPORATED**  
74 LINDSAY STREET SOUTH  
LINDSAY, ONTARIO  
K9V 2M2

Attention: Glenn Wilcox

Prior to:

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**  
Phone: (705) 328-0175 • Fax: (705) 328-1587

**MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR****Pre-Qualification Call**

For corridor make up air unit replacement at Parklane Apartments - a 3 storey 50 unit residence owned and operated by the Haliburton Community Housing Corporation in the Village of Haliburton.

A short list will be established from this process with tender starting Apr. 8/10 and closing Apr. 22/10. Construction start would be June 1/10 with completion June 30/10.

Work to include:

- Removal and disposal of existing make up air unit.
- Install new electrical heat pump unit and compressor complete with controls in same location.

Contractors interested in being invited to submit tenders are requested to complete Pre-Qualification Statement (CCA Document No. 11 latest version) including superintendent's resume.

Contractors must have minimum \$2,000,000 comprehensive liability insurance and WSIB registration/clearance. Bonding will not be required, however, a performance security of \$3,000 via certified cheque or letter of credit will be required. The award of this contract is subject to final funding approval.

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**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON  
2010 REQUEST FOR PRODUCT/PRICE LISTS**

The County of Haliburton is requesting **Product and Price Lists** for aggregate supply in amounts under 500 tonnes including:

• Granular A	• 6-8"Gabion
• Granular B	• RAP
• 2" Crusher Run	• Screening
• 4" Crusher Run	

Please deliver your **product and price list** no later than **11:00 am local time, March 29, 2010** to:

County of Haliburton  
Public Works Department  
11 Newcastle Street, PO Box 399  
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Inquiries may be directed to:

Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant  
Telephone: 705-286-1762  
E-mail: [ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca)

**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON  
2010 TENDERS/QUOTATIONS/REGISTRATION**

**Tenders/quotations and registration** to provide the following services and/materials to the County will be accepted until 11:00am local time, March 29, 2010:

- Supply of RS1
- Supply of Diesel Fuel and Furnace Oil
- Supply of Guideposts
- Supply of Oil and Lubricants
- Supply of Winter Sand for 2010/2011
- Supply of Information Signage
- Equipment Rental
- Truck and Equipment Registration
- Roadside Grass Cutting
- Spring Road Sweeping
- Line Painting

**Forms** are available at the County of Haliburton (3 St. Germaine Street entrance) and on the County website: <http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca> under 'News and Public Notices'.

Please direct inquiries to: Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant  
Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881  
E-mail: [ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca)

**BATS**

# Biodiversity hindered by white nose syndrome

from page 1

"After visiting sites last year and visiting sites this year this is the first site that we've found with bats that are showing signs of white nose syndrome that we can confirm have fungus that's associated with the syndrome in the United States," said John Dungavell, a policy advisor with the biodiversity branch of the MNR.

The term "white nose syndrome" refers to a white ring of fungus found on the faces of infected bats.

The MNR is not releasing the location of the seven infected bats, saying only they were found in an abandoned mine on private property in one of the two local MNR regions.

Information on the bats' location is being withheld to keep the public out of the mines, where there are tripping and falling hazards, as well as the possibility that humans could transmit the fungus.



**Bats are really an important part of Ontario's biodiversity. They're excellent pest controllers and serve as a primary predator for night flying insects like mosquitoes and moths in the province.**

John Dungavell

The ministry has been tracking the syndrome since it was first spotted in 2006, and Dungavell notes, it has never been found to be dangerous to humans.

"It's really important to point out that there are no known human health issues associated with this syndrome. Thousands of people have visited sites that have infected bats in them in the United States and to date no one has reported any illnesses that are associated within the site, so from a health perspective, I don't think the public should be concerned," he said.

But just because there are no human

health dangers, doesn't mean the public shouldn't be alert to the problem.

"Why the public needs to be concerned though, is because bats are really an important part of Ontario's biodiversity. They're excellent pest controllers and serve as a primary predator for night flying insects like mosquitoes and moths in the province," Dungavell said.

Controlling the spread of the disease, which Dungavell said comes from skin-to-skin contact between bats, could be a difficult task; thousands of bats have already died in the United States since 2006, and the best way so far to stop the

spread is to keep humans away from infected colonies.

The MNR along with the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre are still searching for new cases of white nose syndrome and are asking the public to report any strange bat behaviour or dead bats – though they caution that bats should not be touched.

Call 1-866-673-4781 for the CCWHC line or 1-800-667-1940 for the MNR information line.

While this region may have been the first to find infected bats, Dungavell doesn't think it will be the last.

"Based on the spread we've seen in the United States, it's unfortunate to say that yes we are expecting to find other sites and we are investigating some other sites right now where we've found some suspicious bats and we're testing to see whether white nose is present or not," he said.

## Notices



### Municipality of Dysart et al

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Email: [info@dysartetal.ca](mailto:info@dysartetal.ca) Website: [www.dysartetal.ca](http://www.dysartetal.ca)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al will be considering proposed amendments to various Fees and Charges at their meeting on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### The amendments pertain to the following fees:

##### Administration Fees:

Leesee Liability Insurance to be increased from \$75 to \$150 per event at Municipal Community Centres and Parks with Special Occasion Permits.

Document Commissioning Services – First document free, \$10 each thereafter.

##### Building Permit Fees.

##### Sewer Service Rates:

Increasing from \$470 to \$495 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit). Metered Rates increasing approximately 5% from \$23.67 to \$24.93 per 1,000 gallons.

##### Planning Application Fees:

Please note that some Planning Application Fees will also be increased.

Further information on the proposed fees and charges are available on the Municipality's website at [www.dysartetal.ca](http://www.dysartetal.ca), or at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0.

Any person wanting to comment on the proposed fees are invited to make a written submission to the undersigned by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,  
CAO/Clerk.

#### NOTICE

##### (Applicants – CARRUTHERS/HUNTER & PASSMORE)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF ESSON LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of April, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

##### FIRSTLY:

Part of Broken Lot 27, Concession 15, Designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 409, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., dated October 7, 2009.

##### SECONDLY:

Part of Broken Lot 27, Concession 15, Designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 409, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., date October 7, 2009.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be a surplus.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township Office for delegation time.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 23rd day of March, 2010.

**IRENE S. COOK, CMO  
CLERK/CEMC**  
County Road 648, Box 295  
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0

## ■ ATOM AE HOCKEY

# We are the champions!

**KARENA CROFTS***Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE*

Highland Storm Atom AE are the OMHA All Ontario Champions for groups four and five! What a weekend. The Ilderton Jets played at the Minden arena March 20. Some of the Highland Storm parents arrived early to set up for the post-game meet and greet in the upstairs room. Anita Bertucca did a great job decorating the room and tables and also the arena with "Go Storm Go" posters.

The Highland Storm boys knew the pressure was on to win this game to get one up on the Jets.

With the printed programs and opening ceremonies arranged and coordinated by Dave McKay, our OMHA rep. Wade MacInnes doing the announcing in the opening ceremonies, in a packed Minden arena, we were off to a great start.

When the game started the storm clouds rolled in and grounded the Jets with five unanswered goals. Our goalie Anthony Bertucca was awesome, stopping everything the Jets sent his way to keep his shut out. The goals go to Alex Wilbee, with two (one more and he'll have 75), Trevor Turn-

er, Jack Dobie and Owen Smith. Assists go to Greg Crofts (with three), Jacob Haedicke and Jack Dobie and great hockey from Ryan Prentice, Devyn Prentice, Jake Bull and Carter O'Neill. The score was 5-0.

Even after their loss, the post-game meet and greet with the Ilderton Jets went great. Once again, I have to comment on how it is difficult to have such nice opponents, there was no ill will or comments from either parents or players on both sides.

Game four on Sunday in Haliburton, the pressure was still on for the Storm boys, if they lost it meant returning to Ilderton Friday for a game Saturday, not something any of us really wanted to do.

They knew the Jets would come out full throttle and they would have to match that.

The game began with the Jets scoring the first goal, but it did little to dampen the cheering crowd or the Storm's perseverance.

The Storm managed to tie the game near the end of the first period with a goal from Greg Crofts, assisted by Trevor Turner. The second period came and went with no goal by either side and as the third period ticked away overtime loomed on the horizon, not a good thing.

The Storm gathered force and determination and sent the Jets back to the hanger, when Owen Smith scored the winning goal (with one more to get for 50 goals for the season) with only 2:19 to go. The Jets pulled their goalie for a sixth man, but the Storm held them at bay to pull out the win (2-1) to become OMHA Champions.

I need to thank a number of people who donated to help us with the meet and greet food and gift bags: Kawartha Dairy Minden for chocolate and regular milk; Bob Parks Foodland Haliburton; Leveque Brothers; Freyman Lumber; Emco Plumbing Supplies; Home Hardware Bancroft; Donald Bamford; AJ Plumbing; County Signs and Display; town of Bancroft; town of Haliburton; and Vince and Chris Duchene.

A special thank you to Dave McKay for all his hard work and help through the season. To all our parents for their donations

and time, Kim O'Neill for doing the veggie and fruit trays, to our sponsors The Pepper Mill in Carnarvon for their donation, support and after-game celebrations. And to our community for their support, their wishes of good luck and congratulations.

To our local newspapers and radio stations for reporting on and supporting our boys and publishing these articles, it has been a thrill for these boys to hear their names on the radio and see them in the paper, you have all helped to make this a memorable hockey season for this team and their families.

We still have a little hockey left as we have to finish the playoffs in our own "loop," but it was decided that we would have to play off against an A team for this, so we will be playing against the Gravenhurst A this weekend coming.



## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-002/10  
Applicant: 1412046 ONTARIO INC.  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 23, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Glamorgan  
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
2. File No. H-010/10  
Applicant: Robert & Kathy CHAPMAN  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Dudley  
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
3. File No. H-011/10  
Applicant: Robert & Kathy CHAPMAN  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Dudley  
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.  
Director of Planning  
County of Haliburton  
11 Newcastle Street  
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Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0  
Telephone: (705) 286-1333, or  
866-886-8815 ext. 222  
Fax: (705) 286-4829  
Email: [jtousaw@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:jtousaw@county.haliburton.on.ca)



[www.hhhs.on.ca](http://www.hhhs.on.ca)

*Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: primary care, hospital and long term care, and community programs.*

### HHHS IS LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTORS

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation has openings for new directors – local residents and cottage owners who are anxious to help build on the outstanding services currently provided in the county. HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton providing emergency services, acute and long term care. As well, HHHS provides countywide mental health, diabetic education and supportive housing programs.

HHHS is privileged to have an outstanding team of health professionals and modern facilities. Challenges persist in attracting new staff, meeting the needs of our aging population and, anticipating and planning for the future.

The HHHS board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community. All property owners in Haliburton County are welcome to apply. HHHS is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge and interest in any of the following areas:

planning and delivery of quality and accessible health services  
public relations / communications  
business management and strategic planning  
participating on a community board

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by April 2, 2010. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June.

For further information and an application package, please contact:

Marlene Vieira  
Executive Assistant to  
President & CEO and the Board of Directors, HHHS  
Phone (705) 457-2527  
[mvieira@hhhs.on.ca](mailto:mvieira@hhhs.on.ca)

# Career & Business Opportunities



## Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

P.O. Box 792, Minden, ON K0M 2K0  
 Telephone: 705-754-2532 Email: [info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca)  
 Web: [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca)

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) requires a Program Coordinator. This is a one-year contract position, with the possibility of renewal for an additional two years. The HHLT works to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations.

The candidate will have demonstrated an ability to provide co-ordination of programs and management of staff and volunteers. This is an exciting opportunity for an individual with superior research and writing skills, including successful grant writing. Excellent communication skills will be utilized to work closely with the Board and its committees to facilitate organizational and resource development, public relations, fundraising and educational events, and HHLT land acquisition and management.

Minimum of three years experience in program coordination with a bachelor's degree or college certificate in a related field. The successful candidate will report directly to the Chair of the Board of Directors.

The fee for service is \$18,000/annum for a flexible two day a week position. (pro-rated from \$45,000 for five days a week)

A detailed job description is available upon request. Please send resume and cover letter to [s.ziman@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.ziman@sympatico.ca) by Thursday April 15, 2010.



## Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

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The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) requires an Administrative Assistant. This is a one-year contract position, with the possibility of renewal for an additional two years. The HHLT works to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations.

The candidate will have demonstrated efficient office management and record keeping skills, and effective database design and management. Attention to detail and superior organizational skills are required. Experience in event planning, donor and ad solicitation, and the issue of charitable tax receipts is essential.

The successful candidate will work in close partnership with committees of the Board of Directors and will report directly to the Program Coordinator.

Minimum of three years experience in office systems and database with a bachelor's degree or college certificate in a related field.

The fee for service is \$12,500/annum for a flexible 16-20 hours a week.

A detailed job description is available upon request. Please send resume and cover letter to [s.ziman@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.ziman@sympatico.ca) by Thursday April 15, 2010.

## WILBERFORCE

# Taylor reunion was wonderful

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
 448-2018

Elsie (Taylor) Hennigman of Vancouver Island, B.C. was a recent visitor with family and friends in Wilberforce and other parts of Ontario. Elsie is the sister of Robert (Bob) Taylor and of the late Eileen Agnew and Bill and Fred Taylor. A special event during her visit was a family gathering at the home of niece Mary Barker. A great reunion for Elsie and her family.

The annual Maple Fest is coming up on Easter Saturday, April 3, at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Do plan to enjoy some pancakes and sausages drizzled with local maple syrup for breakfast or lunch. Hopefully the Easter bunny will be appearing among the craft and dining tables.

Opportunities for eating out continued this past week. There was the delicious Irish stew luncheon served up by the folks at the Wilberforce United Church on St. Patrick's Day. On Friday evening, many enjoyed the tasty spaghetti supper at the Wilberforce Legion.

The Alpha course continues on Mondays at St. Margaret's Church.



## Municipality of Dysart et al

135 Maple Avenue  
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 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0  
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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUMMER STUDENT – HALIBURTON LANDFILL SITE ATTENDANT

The Municipality is seeking two summer student Landfill Site Attendants at the Haliburton Landfill. Applicants must be Post-Secondary students planning to return to school in the fall. Estimated start date is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Wage is \$10.50 per hour based on a 40 hour work week that will include working weekend shifts. Driver's License is required. Green patch footwear must be worn. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in the operation of the site during landfill hours and maintaining effective control over the recycling program.

This position recruitment is subject to receipt of funding.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a detailed resume, to the undersigned by noon on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### PARKS & RECREATION LABOURER (SEASONAL)

The successful candidate will be involved in a diverse range of job activities at various Municipal Parks and the Dysart Arena/Community Centre which include grass cutting and trimming, minor landscaping duties, performing building maintenance tasks and facility repairs, record keeping, event/rental setups and tear downs and janitorial duties.

A complete job description is available on our website or at the Municipal Office.

This seasonal position is to commence in April until approximately October. The position is based on a 40 hour work week and involves variable shifts and weekend work. Rate of Pay: \$14.15 - \$16.41 per hour.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a detailed resumé to the undersigned by noon on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.  
 CAO/Clerk  
 E-mail: [tmckelvey@dysartetal.ca](mailto:tmckelvey@dysartetal.ca)

*We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.*

# Coming Events



## Babysitter Training Course Ontario Early Years Haliburton Victoria Brock

Mondays, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

April 12th to May 17th

6 sessions

At the Haliburton OEYC Early Learning Centre

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12 years or over as of June 30th, 2010

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**Call 286-3202  
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Minden 11:00 a.m.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
Palm Sunday, March 28  
Sunday Services

**Maundy Thursday, April 1**  
Service 7:00 p.m. Minden United Church

**Good Friday, April 2**  
**Choral Good Friday Service**  
"No Wonder They Called Him the Saviour"  
(Combined Choirs of Zion and Haliburton United Churches)

9 a.m. Zion United Church, Carnarvon  
11:15 a.m. Haliburton United Church

**Easter Sunday, April 4**  
Sunrise Service-7:00 a.m. at 12 Mile Lake Beach  
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# community calendar

What's happening in the County

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• March 24: Haliburton County's New Toastmaster Club – Meets Wednesday's at 7 pm downstairs in the Lindsay Room at the Pinestone Resort. Learn a wide assortment of leadership skills. Guests and new members wanted just arrive.

• March 25: Strengthening Families Together – Family and caregivers of someone with mental illness are invited to attend a free 10-week education session designed to help increase knowledge and coping skills. Start March 25, 6:30 pm to 9 pm each Thursday. If interested in attending or receiving more information, call 286-4575 or email [lynxfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:lynxfamilies@gmail.com)

• March 25: How to Talk So Kids Will Listen – For families with children 0-6 yrs. Haliburton OEYC on Thursdays March 25 to April 29 from 5-7 pm. Find new ways to talk with your kids to help; reduce nagging or whining; to do what you ask of them; have less fighting with siblings and more! To register please phone 705-286-4625 or email [oeycparented@bellnet.ca](mailto:oeycparented@bellnet.ca)

• March 26: Easter Movie – The Fourth Wiseman – Join us at 7 p.m. Minden Bible Church, Bobaygeon Road, Minden. All welcome, admission – donation to Food Bank.

• March 27: Gooderham United Church Easter Bake & Craft Sale – Join us from 10 am to 3 pm, lunch is available.

• March 27: HAVE (Help A Village Effort) is holding a Bowling for Water Fundraiser at the Fast Lane, Minden – No pledging, no bowling experience, no pressure – just plain fun! Cost is \$20 per person. All the proceeds to go to HAVE. Two flights – 4:30 to 6:30 and 6:45 to 8:45. The register yourself, or a team, call The Fast Lane 286-3900 or Bob Penfold 286-2856.

• March 29: Climbing Club – Come and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing Monday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 – 8:00 pm, children and parents climb together. Youth and Adults 8:00 – 9:00 pm. \$2 per person. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18. Sponsored by Point In Time. For more information call Donna at Point in Time 457-5345 ext 314 or email [donnna@pointintime.ca](mailto:donnna@pointintime.ca)

• March 30: GriefShare Support Group – Join us for from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.

• April 1: Kinmount Lions Easter Bingo – Join us at the Galway Hall, doors open at 5:30 pm, early bird at 6:45 pm. Regular games start at 7 pm. Turkeys, Hams, and cash prizes.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [editor@haliburtonecho.ca](mailto:editor@haliburtonecho.ca), or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to [editor@mindentimes.ca](mailto:editor@mindentimes.ca) or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

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**Start Date**  
**Wages**

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Job Description

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End of June  
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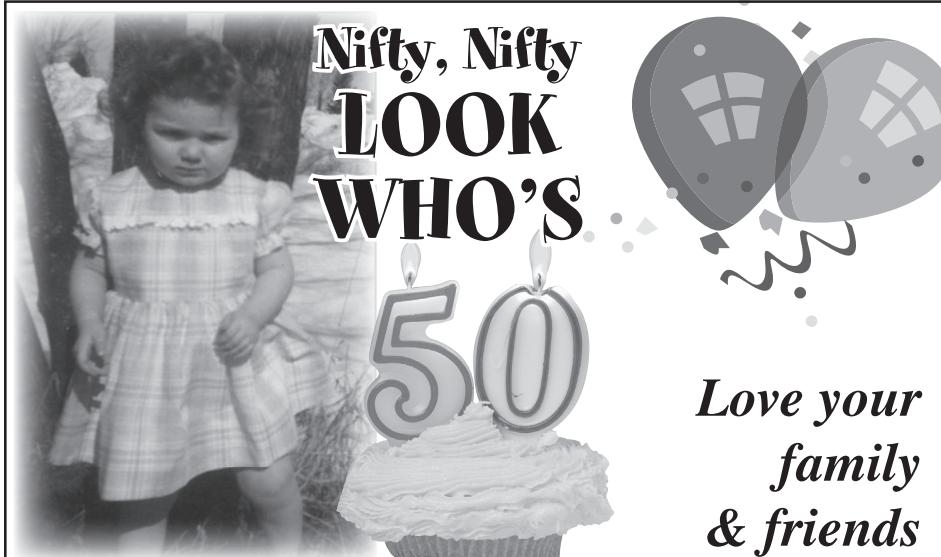
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## Deaths



### Trevor Babbs (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his family at his side on Friday morning, March 19, 2010 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Eva Babbs (nee Walling). Loving father of Tom (Fiona) of Coquitlam, B.C. Fondly remembered by his grandsons Evan and Nicholas. Dear brother of Norman (Sharon) and David (Marilyn). Also lovingly remembered by his nieces Donna (Steve), Linda, Kathleen and Jennifer.

### Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, 2010 from 1 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or Myeloma Canada P.O. Box 326, Kirkland, Q.C. H9H 0A4 would be appreciated by the family.

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### Card of thanks

The family of the late **Lorne Harrison** would like to thank our family and friends for the kindness shown to us during this trying time. To the Doctors' and staff of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, for your compassion and great care, you were never too busy to answer any questions or concerns we had. To Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, words cannot express our thanks to you for your kindness. As heard so many times, we are so lucky to live in such a kind and caring community.

Sincerely,  
Willis, Allen and Butch Harrison, Carol Thompson and Sharon McIntosh.

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Very private Limwood cottage 299 ftg & 12 ac. Quality built, 3BR, 2 bath. Bright open concept. Lg picture windows, cedar cathedral ceilings & walls create warm woody ambience. Bamboo flrs, pine kitchen, MBR ensuite & main flr lntry. Screen porch & decking is ideal for entertaining. Drilled well, septic, 200 amp hydro & FAP heat. Situated on a natural acreage parcel, providing privacy, peace and tranquility. Dive off 10x16 cedar dock into 9 ft. deep water! Motor restrictions apply on lake. \$535,000

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3 BR Mohawk' Vicency, 2 baths, spacious living room w/ large picture windows giving a fantastic view of the lake. Eat in kit, pine cabinetry, nice bright 4 season sunrm. Full w/o basement with 2BR, 3 pce bath. Large deck w/ screened gazebo. Big closets. Dbl det garage, heated workshop. Extremely private lot, 285 ftg. sand beach, great view. Ideal for the naturalists. No motor lake. Close to ski hill, Eagle Lake beach/boat launch & grocery shopping. \$529,900

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4 bedroom waterfront cottage or home. Cathedral ceilings, large picture windows overlooking lake. Screen porch, efficient kitchen with wood cabinetry. Full finished basement, 3 baths, double garage. Gorgeous sand shoreline, close to Minden and the "White Water Rapids". \$509,000

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Neat, clean new feeling! 7 BR cottage on 3 ac lot, 375' of waterfront. 3BR on main, bright living area, w/ stone fp & pine cath ceilings, w/o to 700sf deck. Pine kit & dining area w/ w/o to large deck. Completely fin lower level w/ massive recrm, 4BR, 3 pc bath, laundry/utility, & w/o 900sf deck. Privacy assured on treed lot. Boating & fishing are awesome on the prestigious Drag Lake. Great Value Here! \$429,000.

**HALIBURTON LAKE ROAD**

Custom built 2 stg home. 4BR, 4 bath, dream kit w/ pickled oak cabinetry, corian counter tops, top of the line appliances. Formal dining area, sunrm to enjoy yr mrd. Bright LR w/ brick fp. 2nd flr 4BR, huge MBR w/ W-I closet & full ensuite. On 7.9 ac., gardens, granite stairs, brick pathways & patios. Heated inground pool, gazebo & hot tub. Many features! 2 stg dbl garage w/ loft & RV port, generator, bug misting system, 300 sq ft deck, central air & vac, irrigation system & much more! \$399,999

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**SOLD**

Traditional 2 bedrm/4pc bath cottage with screened porch. Great lake, nicely treed gentle slope lot with 121 ft ftg. Big lake view & south exposure. Pine & drywall thru'out Main living area for warm woody ambience. Block bsmt w/ laundry & storage. Single det garage, yr rnd road. \$299,000.

**SOLD**

Uniquely designed 4BR, 2 Bath, 2300sf home. Boasts loads of character! Park-like setting on 9.5 ac. Natural pond. Huge living rm with brick & stone fp. Modern kitchen recently remodeled. Walkout to the extremely private patio ideal for family & friend functions. Ideal for at-home business. 28x22 garage, fully plumbed & wired. \$289,000

**PARISH LINE**

Definite country charm in this 3 bedrm home close to Haliburton Village. Spacious rooms, woody ambience, quite private. Large eat-in kitchen w/ wood cookstove, LR w/stone fp & insert. All weather front porch, single car garage with carport and shed. \$249,900

**WALK TO TOWN**

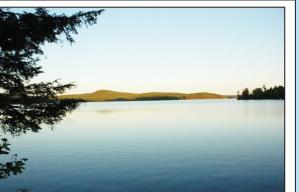
Stone and brick home. Ideal location for a contractor or home business. Large driveway and parking area, heated dbl att'd garage with workshop, plus additional single att'd garage. Several storage buildings. 2 plus 1 bedroom, 5 baths, 2 offices, woodstove, fireplace, FAO heat. Cozy home! \$239,900.

**TROOPER LAKE**

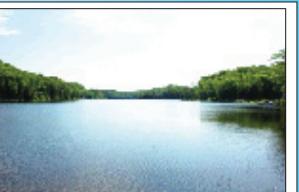
Renovated 3 bedrm cottage on pretty lot with good privacy. Lovely kitchen, comfortable living area with woodstove for cozy warmth. Bright sunporch. Lovely view of the lake. Neat, clean & tidy, ready for you to enjoy. Beautiful stone patio/ firepit At front of cottage for summer entertainment. \$229,900

**HALIBURTON LAKE**

3 bdrm backsplit cottage with pretty view of lake. Open concept, cedar vaulted ceilings, large deck ideal for entertaining, 266 ft of gorgeous frontage and approx 2 acres in size. Property size is 2 lots in total call for details. \$224,900

**PERCY LAKE**

Nicely treed waterfront lot. Clean rock and sand shoreline. Pretty south facing view, driveway in and building site cleared. Year round road, hydro and telephone available. 107 ft ftg. \$199,900

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Waterfront Lots & Acreages - 1.13, 1.14, 1.38, 1.55, 10.23 and 47.64 acres in size. Plenty to choose from. Great swimming, nice deep lake ideal for fishing. The area is known for its beauty and wilderness. Prices Range from \$175,000. To \$195,000. Gst applicable

**IRONDAL**

110 acre hunt camp or wilderness retreat, small lake, Trails throughout property. 600 sq ft cabin with hydro, Year round road. \$165,000

**HALIBURTON HOME**

2 bedroom home situated in a prime location for a home based business close to town. 2.5 acres, nice view, mature trees. Huge garage and shed. Most windows new, septic, drilled well & newer FA propane furnace. \$139,900.

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